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(4) "I received the DOUBLE TWO Set O.K. I may mention that on No. 1 plug I can get about eight different stations. Several people have heard the set and are fairly amazed at the results from such a small machine."—W. Groves, Glencorse Barracks, Milton Bridge, Scotland.

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(6) "A great Set. I obtained 17 stations in less than an hour on full Loudspeaker strength on short waves only. Many more are easily obtainable on long waves. I have got Brussels on now."—S. J. S. Willard, 6, Old Farm Yard, Queen Street, Wellingborough.

(7) "I feel it is my duty to congratulate you upon your wonderful set. Its marvellous reception enables you to hear almost any station—British or Continental—at full loud-speaker strength. At first trv-out on the indoor aerial, I had five Continental stations. Am now listening to Radio Paris."—C. Turner, 3, Upper Bridge, Terrace, Chelmsford, Essex.

(8) "I am very pleased with same. It amazes my wireless friends and confounds the sceptics. I am now getting wonderful volume and purity of tone."—F. J. Stacey, 10, Atherton Terrace, South Church, Bishop Auckland, County of Durham.

(9) "By following your very clear instructions, I was able to get my Set working during the evening of arrival. Since then I have obtained all the results you have claimed from the DOUBLE TWO. My previous experience of wireless is absolutely nil."—H. J. Chapman, 126, Eastfield Road, Eastney, Portsmouth.

(10) "Your DOUBLE-TWO Set is everything that you advertise. As a matter of fact, it seems nothing short of marvellous to me, as I don't know how it gets the stations so quick and easy. I think that if I counted all the stations that I've tuned in I've had every one in the world."—Paine, 88, Windley Road, Leicester.

(11) "Words fail to convey my appreciation of the Set. It does everything you claim it to do. I get a better reception on your two-valve Set with indoor aerial than my father does with a three-valve set on an outdoor aerial, and that is something to shout about."—F. H. Black, 56, Station Road Finchley, London, N.3.

(12) "It is beautiful. I never expected such a good thing for the money. I am highly pleased with it."—P. Kendall, Prospect Terrace, Mevagissey, Cornwall.

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The Double Two costs only 50/-, or together with complete equipment, as specified, 79/6 all in. Truly a marvel of mass production. Send your order off to-day.

RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.

1. Shown hereon are twelve testimonials for the DOUBLE TWO Wireless Set. The Competitor is required to select the one which he considers would be the most likely to influence him to become the possessor of the DOUBLE TWO Wireless Set, and to record his vote for it in the voting space "A" provided on the Entry Form. In recording his vote he should be guided entirely by his own opinion. These votes when counted will determine the popular order of the testimonials.

2. The Competitor is also required to record in the twelve spaces marked "B" on the Entry Form what he considers will prove the results of the votes in space "A," placing in the space marked "1st" the distinguishing number of the testimonial which he considers will get the most votes, in the space marked "2nd" the distinguishing number of the testimonial which he considers will get the second largest number of votes, and so on up to twelve.

3. The Competitor whose forecast in space "B" agrees or most nearly agrees with the popular order will be placed first irrespective of what testimonial he himself put in space "A," the next nearest will be placed second and so on.

4. The system of judging is so arranged that the Entry Form having the greatest number of testimonials correctly placed in accordance with the popular order will be highest, but in the case of two or more Entry Forms containing an equal number of correctly placed testimonials that Entry Form which contains correct results in higher positions will take precedence over that which contains the same number of correct results in lower positions.

5. The sum of £10,000 in Prize Money must be won. In order to qualify for the full prize of £10,000 or a full share of the prize (if two competitors or more tie), the Competitor must purchase outright a DOUBLE TWO Wireless Set with or without equipment, or have completed purchase by instalments prior to the closing date. A Competitor who has commenced purchase by advanced instalments will be entitled to a share of the prize attaching to his entry proportionate to the instalments paid, the balance of the prize being reserved for the Competitor or Competitors with the next best entries.

6. If the £10,000 is won outright by one Competitor he will have the choice of taking £10,000 cash or £15 a week for life.

7. Instalments must be paid in advance multiples of 2/6, and only instalments received and acknowledged by Messrs. Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., will be considered when deciding the share of a prize to be awarded to a successful Competitor.

8. Write your full name and address clearly in ink in the space provided. The £10,000 Ballot Entry Form must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. No cash or enquiries of any kind should be enclosed with the Ballot Entry Form itself, as the envelopes containing entries will remain unopened until the close of the Ballot.

9. The votes will be counted and the list of prize-winners will be prepared and certified by Messrs. Hugh Macrae & Company, Chartered Accountants, London. In the event of a tie, the prize will be divided, but no Competitor will be entitled to a larger share of a prize attaching to his entry than the proportion of the purchase money paid.

10. Proof of posting cannot be accepted as proof of delivery and neither Messrs. Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., nor Messrs. Hugh Macrae & Co. will be responsible for any entries lost in the post or otherwise mislaid.

11. The closing date for the receipt of entries will be advertised in the principal newspapers used for advertising the competition, and no entries received after the date advertised will be considered.

12. The names and addresses of the prize-winner or prize-winners will be published on a date to be announced, and every prize-winner will be individually notified.

13. No member of the staff of Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., or of the staff employed on the Ballot, will be allowed to compete or to benefit from any of the prizes.

14. The Judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry for any reason they consider good and sufficient. This Competition is limited to residents in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

15. Acceptance of these rules and conditions is a specific condition of entry for the competition and the decision of the Judges on any point whatsoever must be accepted as final and legally binding.

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79/6

Since the "**Double Two**" was put on the market a few months ago it has swept the country. Up to date over 40,000 sets have been sold, and what is more, thousands of letters of praise from "Double Two" enthusiasts have already been received.

The astonishing success of the "Double Two" is a landmark in wireless history. British enterprise and modern methods have achieved an unprecedented triumph. The Crystal Set with its irksome restrictions and unsociable headphones has at one fell stroke become as out of date as a hansom cab. The "Double Two" has brought the wonderful range and luxury of multi-valve reception within the reach of all. Until you are the owner of a "Double Two" you can have no idea of what wireless means.

Now comes a staggering "Double Two" Sensation! Such is our confidence in our product and our determination that every home shall enjoy radio at its best, that we are **backing our belief in the "Double Two" to the extent of £10,000 in cash.** This vast sum in prize-money has been deposited with and is guaranteed by "The People." It **must be won** in a simple and fascinating Contest—full details of which are given herewith. In this advertisement you will find twelve of the many thousands of testimonials which have been written in praise of the "Double Two." Which of these do you think will be the most likely to influence the public to become owners of "Double Two" Wireless Sets? Forecast the popular order and a Five Figure Fortune may be yours. If you wish to purchase a "Double Two" outright for cash you may enter immediately for the £10,000 Ballot on the Entry Form on **Coupon No. 1**—also as a special concession to those who send in their orders **THIS WEEK** accompanied by the full remittance, we will send **five further Free Entry Forms in the £10,000 "Double Two" Ballot.**

The following eminent people have kindly consented to act as judges in the £10,000 Ballot:

EDGAR WALLACE

Sir GERALD DU MAURIER

SYBIL THORNDIKE

Those who wish to purchase their sets under our instalment plan should fill in **Coupon No. 2,** and they will receive full particulars of how to enter for the £10,000 Ballot and reserve a "Double Two" Set on first payment of **2/6.**

Act now! The closing date of this Great £10,000 Ballot will be announced shortly.

Coupon No. 1 **FULL PAYMENT ORDER FORM.**

To: Section J.1, Special Order Dept., Messrs. Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., 1, Newton St., Holborn, London, W.C.2.

Please send me, by return, ready to use, carriage paid, with full instructions (illustrated) for fixing up:

(1) ONE DOUBLE TWO SET, complete with Valves, at 50/-, *or*
(2) ONE DOUBLE TWO SET with additional accessories as described, at 79/6

Cross out item not required

for which I enclose..... in full payment.

I order under the conditions of your Guarantee that the Set will work perfectly and you will send me five further free Entry Forms in the Double Two £10,000 Ballot

IMPORTANT.—The Ballot Entry Form below, placed in a sealed envelope as directed, must be sent in together with this Order Form. Any Ballot Form sent in without full payment will be disqualified.

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ADDRESS.....

J.1 .....

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£10,000 DOUBLE TWO BALLOT ENTRY FORM.

Place this Entry Form in a sealed envelope and post it in another envelope containing the above Order Form and also your full remittance of 50/- or 79/6 to address on Order Form above.

HOW TO WIN £10,000

1. Read the rules on the left.

2. Vote in space A for the Testimonial which you think would be the most likely to influence you to become the possessor of a Double Two Wireless Set.

3. Forecast in space B what you think will be the result of the voting.

4. Fill in your name and address below and enclose this Entry Form when completed in a sealed envelope marked The Judges, £10,000 Double Two Ballot (Entry Form only) in top left-hand corner, and send it in with your order form, as directed.

IMPORTANT: This Ballot Entry Form will be disqualified unless accompanied by above Order Form & full remittance

In entering for this Competition I agree to accept the decision of the judges on any point whatsoever as final and legally binding.

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I record my vote for the following Testimonial as the one most likely to influence me to become the owner of a Double Two Set. No.	I forecast the result of the voting in the 1st spaces on right	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.

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Coupon No. 2. **ENQUIRY COUPON**

To: Enquiry Dept., Section J.1, Messrs. Hustler, Simpson & Webb, Ltd., 1, Newton St., Holborn, London, W.C.2.

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House of Commons Bribery Bombshell

THE end has not yet been heard of the charges of corruption and bribery in the House of Commons which startled the country last summer.

On the presentation of the Estimates in the spring, Mr. W. J. Brown, M.P., is likely to make a series of detailed charges which will create a good deal of public consternation.

When the time comes the accusations will be found to involve questions concerning the placing of contracts in connection with one of the great Departments of State.

Mr. Brown, it will be remembered, stated that he would "compel the House to make an investigation." He promised to produce the names of people receiving money and paying it out and the sums involved.

"The more we are together"

Students of politics aver that every few years Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Lloyd George get together on some big political move, and there are whispers that his lordship's "Get the nation to work" campaign is the birth of a new secret stroke on the part of the Wizard and the Crusader.

If this is so, the kite will soon be flying, and, if it flies well, it is quite in the cards that Lord Beaverbrook's Press will be advocating L. G. as the right chief of a national dictatorship of Free.

Meanwhile, Empire Free Trade gets scarcely a mention in the Crusader's newspapers. Evidently that kite flew very badly.

History repeated

Last week saw the first prosecution of an English vendor of tickets in the Irish Free State Hospitals Sweepstake. Then a London evening newspaper gave front-page prominence to an announcement that it "understood" that the Home Office had issued definite instructions to the police respecting all transactions in Irish sweepstake tickets over here.

But JOHN BULL predicted all this and more in a paragraph on this page five weeks ago! And the last word has not yet been heard.

Money talks

In the last half of the past year very nearly twice as much new money was raised in this country by capital issues as in the corresponding period of the previous year.

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In 1929 the public subscribed 66 per cent. of the issues offered. Last year, largely owing to the abundance of funds available in the closing months, they subscribed no less than 73 per cent.

The big push goes on

A big British trade push is about to be made in Egypt. An important trade mission leaves for that country, under the auspices of the Department of Overseas Trade, at the end of the month.

Linked with the South American effort, led by the Prince of Wales and the trade ship Armada (exclusive details on the next page), this is good news indeed.

We Swept the "Sweep" News

Sankey for India?

It is felt that, in view of the increasing purchasing-power of the Egyptians, and the corresponding activity of foreign rivals in the market, this is a good moment to make a determined effort to capture a larger share of Egypt's trade for British manufactured goods.

Brass hats off

A proposal for a united Ministry of Defence is being considered seriously by the Government.

The Defence estimates, our biggest item of national expenditure, have been receiving careful attention for some time past, and Mr. Snowden makes no secret of his belief that—at £110,000,000 a year—they are higher than necessary.

Another big change foreshadowed is the amalgamation of some of the home defence commands.

Sir 'Enry 'Erbert

Strange as it seems in view of the ruthless deportations of Britons under his administration, disclosed in JOHN BULL last week, President Hoover is being violently attacked as a friend of this country.

'Oover

His alleged pro-British sympathies were made the basis of strong criticism during the last presidential elections, and now that America has failed to capture the rubber market, and Britain's trade sweep of the South American States, led by the Prince of Wales, threatens to assume mighty proportions, the charge is being renewed.

The President is being sneeringly referred to as "Sir 'Enry 'Erbert 'Oover." Apparently nothing short of a Big Bill Britain-be-blowed Thompson will satisfy the 100-per-cent. Yank.

In no hurry

The Russian Government has notified British business concerns that they may now, if they desire, open branch offices in Moscow. This is a new departure on the part of the Soviet.

So far, however, no British firm has availed itself of this offer, with the exception of the existing agencies and shipping concerns, such as Messrs. Cooks, the Cunard Company, and the Canadian Pacific Railways.

Mr. Saul Bron, the head of the Russian trade delegation in London, has, by the way, intimated that he hopes to place between twenty and twenty-five million pounds' worth of orders with British firms, provided the credit terms are as good as Russia is obtaining from America and Germany.

Fateful mission

Responsible Indians now in London are insistent that Lord Sankey and the Secretary of State for India, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, M.P., should visit India to discuss matters raised at the Round Table Conference with the National Congress leaders.

What if he meets his lordship?

They declare that if Lord Sankey were to meet Gandhi on home ground there would be every possibility of a constructive sequel.

Several members of the Government are favourably disposed towards the idea, and if there is even a remote chance of thus avoiding the continuous outbreak of violence towards which India is heading the voyage would be well worth while.

"Co-op." eye-opener

Millions of members of co-operative institutions will remember certain statements made by JOHN BULL in May of last year. We did this, realising the sterling value of co-operative bodies generally.

Readers will recall the painful disclosures which—following special investigation by one of our representatives—we felt called upon to make regarding the administration of the Radstock Co-operative Society, Ltd.

We showed that there was an alarming deficiency in the society's funds of something like £83,000, and urged that there must be no secrecy in investigating the whole sorry affair.

Not forgotten

Subsequent official probing showed that our estimate had not erred on the wrong side.

Since the publication of the auditor's report there has been a lull, and the public is probably wondering whether the whole matter will be allowed to pass into oblivion. It will not.

We advise readers to watch for dramatic developments in the near future.

Swings and roundabouts

There is one aspect of the national transport problem which appears to have escaped attention, even in the highest quarters.

Our great coastwise shipping industry is being severely damaged by the savage rate-cutting indulged in by rail and road interests. No effort is spared to capture the carrying trade from the sea.

But this "sale price" transport benefits only the trader on or near the coast, as every inland trader is painfully aware. *He* is being asked to foot the bill.

As evidence of the damage being done, there are now 125 coastwise vessels laid up, representing a total tonnage of 59,314, as against seventy-four ships, totalling 19,665 tons, idle last year.

Death-bed dance

The speed with which the new Public Assistance Committee of the London County Council tackles matters in the public interest is refreshing compared with the lackadaisical methods of the superseded boards of guardians.

Last week we told a story of a patient in Hackney Hospital having been left for dead.

Nurses were dancing in the precincts of the ward, and the man called for help unavailingly to them for half an hour, at the end of which he did die.

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Three hours after the JOHN BULL account had come to the notice of its members, the L.C.C. ordered a full official enquiry to take place this week.

Alf's museum

The King of Spain's calmness during recent terrifying events in his realm is explained by some of the souvenirs he treasures.

There is a stone on which he once cracked his head in a fall; the knife with which an assassin tried to stab him as a boy; the skeleton of a horse killed by the bomb hurled at himself and President Loubet in Paris, and the feeding-bottle through which he nearly sucked poison as a baby.

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Fragments of the bomb hurled at his wedding and the revolver with which Sanchez Alegre fired at him in the open street complete the collection.

Sudden death is a familiar idea to Alfonso.

Water—and life

Unknown to the daily newspaper-reading public, a mass of work is being carried out in all parts of the country in repairing and enlarging reservoirs. Water shortage in city and suburban supplies will not be heard of when these plans are complete.

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Under the latest regulations municipal authorities and urban district councils have been compelled to ensure that adequate supplies of water shall be furnished in districts where much hardship was experienced in 1928.

This vitally affects fire-fighting. The brigades must have the best facilities.

Only a few days ago several cottagers were burnt to death, while those who escaped lost everything. The water-supply was frozen—something wrong with the water-supply.

"If You See It—"

continued

Hard hit

Owing to the Australian financial crisis, it costs £123 to transfer £100 from "down under" to this country.

There are several thousand people living here on small pensions from the Dominion, or on the income from small investments there, and this rise in the rate is bringing them perilously close to want.

The former lose nearly a quarter of their income, and the investors, already severely hit by the slump in stocks, see their incomes reduced almost to vanishing-point.

Many contemplate returning to Australia, but they have been out of that country for so long that it would be like starting all over again.

We said so!

Mr. G. R. Fone, of the Tugmen's Guild, has been waxing highly indignant at the fact that foreign vessels can enter British ports without employing watermen, whereas no British ship may enter a Continental port without engaging a pilot.

"This is depriving our watermen of a living and is a disgrace to the nation," says Mr. Fone.

JOHN BULL said the same thing a year ago. But it is up to the watermen to get busy airing their grievances in the proper official quarters.

Music hath charms

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, was evidently inspired by his constant and faithful attendance at Mrs. Snowden's musical parties at 11, Downing Street last season, for Admiralty House is now to enjoy the talents of opera stars—for charity.

Incidentally, Labour has succeeded in winning the good graces of musical interests throughout the country.

Artists, impresarios, agents, instrumentalists, wherever encountered, are unanimous in their approval of the present regime.

Palace of welcome

A remarkable scheme is being framed for the erection in the West End of London of a gigantic world headquarters for international societies, of which there are thirty-seven in the Metropolis. The man behind the move is Major Evelyn Wrench.

The main object is to establish a worthy place of welcome for foreign visitors, something on the lines of the Overseas League at Vernon House, and the English Speaking Union at Dartmouth House.

Alone they did it

How's this for grit? Thrown out of work by the closing of a Hapton mill, two Lancashire workers, determined that the "dole" should be their last resource, decided to launch out on their own account.

Their capital was small, but their hearts were big, and they had the courage of their convictions.

They rented a portion of an empty shed in Holmes Street, Burnley, purchased four broken-down looms, repaired them, and began weaving.

The looms were adapted to the process of manufacturing roller-towelling, and the venture is proving so successful that the original installation has already been increased fourfold and seven people have found full-time employment.

Boys of the bulldog breed

That is a real epic of enterprise, and gives the lie direct to those who sneer at the unhappy unemployed as not genuinely seeking work. We know of many such cases.

Here is the story of a bunch of Bolton lads, their ages ranging from fourteen to eighteen years. Unable to obtain employment they fitted up a cellar in the heart of the town as an improvised weaving-shed.

The lads specialise in the weaving of a coarse kind of handkerchief, dishcloths and floorcloths. They have their own retail selling organisation, and their goods have a ready sale among housewives and hotel proprietors.

They work from twelve to fourteen hours a day, seven days a week, and the supervisor was selected for the position by popular vote. While England breeds such lads we need scarcely fear for the future.

Trade Armada

A fleet of British exhibition ships will set sail on a long tour within the next few months, to show the world that this country can still compete with all comers in the quality and cheapness of its products.

He complains of apathy

It is intended that these ships shall carry everything from a packet of pins to an aeroplane, and some of the largest industrial concerns in the country are co-operating.

The floating showrooms will visit Canadian and American waters, as well as European, Indian, Chinese and Japanese ports.

Although Lord Auckland, who is sponsoring the scheme, has received strong support, he complains that on all sides this mission is greatly hindered by the lethargic spirit of certain manufacturers.

Puzzles

Walter Canty, while selling wire puzzles in the streets of Alton (Hants), was arrested and hauled before the Bench. A constable stated the simple facts.

Canty, showing a right hand terribly maimed in the war, pleaded that if he were given a chance he would clear out of the town.

He had a small pension, but that was sent to his wife and children, and he was trying to make a few coppers selling puzzles.

That was all, but with a "Your kind are getting too frequent in the town," he was summarily despatched to do fourteen days' hard labour.

Cells fit for heroes to live in!

And the moral is . . .

Little Tommy Welch, of St. James' Road, Tooting, is a stout fellow, though he is only three years old. When he was left alone in the house material hanging on the fireguard burst into flames and the premises were threatened.

Tommy kept cool. He went into the street, induced a passer-by to enter and quell the outbreak, and later, by standing on a chair, he let the firemen into the house and calmly showed them his picture-books and toy engines.

That was wonderful! But there might have been a very different story to tell. . . .

Tragedy in the queue

The other day a baby was born to a woman waiting in a "dole" queue at an employment exchange. And the wonder is that such a thing has not been recorded before.

In many such queues throughout the country there are to be found women in an advanced state of pregnancy.

They are a pitiable sight, their faces ashen grey and pinched with strain and exposure. Kindly members of the crowd make way for them, so that their period of waiting may be shortened.

The cause of this distressing situation is that the women receive more in unemployment benefit than they would under the health insurance, and they cling to the extra money as long as possible.

Exchange officials should be empowered to report all such cases coming under their notice.

A new profession

A scheme to provide certificated electricians for the mail and passenger liner services, on the same basis as the engineers, has been advocated by Mr. J. E. Allan before the Institute of Engineers.

If adopted, this will create a new profession.

Incidentally the introduction of certificated marine electricians would provide the Navy with a body of fully-qualified professional reservists—an advantage of no little national importance.

We may shortly hear of a new institute being established for marine electrical engineers.

It happens

During his examination at Newcastle Bankruptcy Court, a dairyman stated that he had had to pour forty gallons of milk down the drain each week.

This, he stated, was due to the custom in the milk business for traders to take a guaranteed supply. Any unsold surplus, therefore, became a dead loss.

And there are thousands starving!

One for George

JOHN BULL asked Mr. George Lansbury what he thought of the trouncing he had received from Lord Brentford following his letter to the Press on Christianity and unemployment. Here is what he said:

"It's what one would expect from 'Jix,' and nobody could get annoyed with him. Nobody dislikes him; but, of course, he is the most reactionary person in the Tory Party, and he has not the saving grace of understanding what his opponent says.

"His statement that he does not believe 'Christianity compels us to keep our brother in idleness' seems to me a very dangerous one for a man of his opinions, when one thinks of the number of people in this country living in the lap of luxury who never by any chance are even suspected of working to keep themselves."

The light of learning

The success of Capt. Ian Fraser, M.P., who was blinded in the war, in his final law examination, is only one of the many instances of the ability and determination of those doomed to dwell in everlasting darkness. The National Library for the Blind has some 10,000 readers, and its range of Braille books extends from popular fiction to higher mathematics.

Conqueror of the dark

The library has members in every country in the world. We even know of a blind Englishman who is giving a correspondence course in Algebra to a blind Chinaman in Shanghai!

Over 400 "sighted people" who have learned the Braille system act as voluntary workers in translating books into Braille. Good work indeed!

Stop it

There are more dissensions in the inner circles of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the resignation from the council of a well-known worker for the animal cause may be expected.

When *will* there be peace in the ranks of this famous organisation?

We suggest that a general meeting of members should be called immediately in order that the causes of the constant bickering should be rooted out.

The D.C.M.

Mr. George Lewis, of Whitegate, Northwich, Cheshire, claims to be the youngest man to be given the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He was awarded the decoration in October, 1915, when he was sixteen years of age.

He is anxious to form a League of D.C.M.s, to meet together socially and also to form a fund to benefit the holders of this decoration who have fallen on hard times.

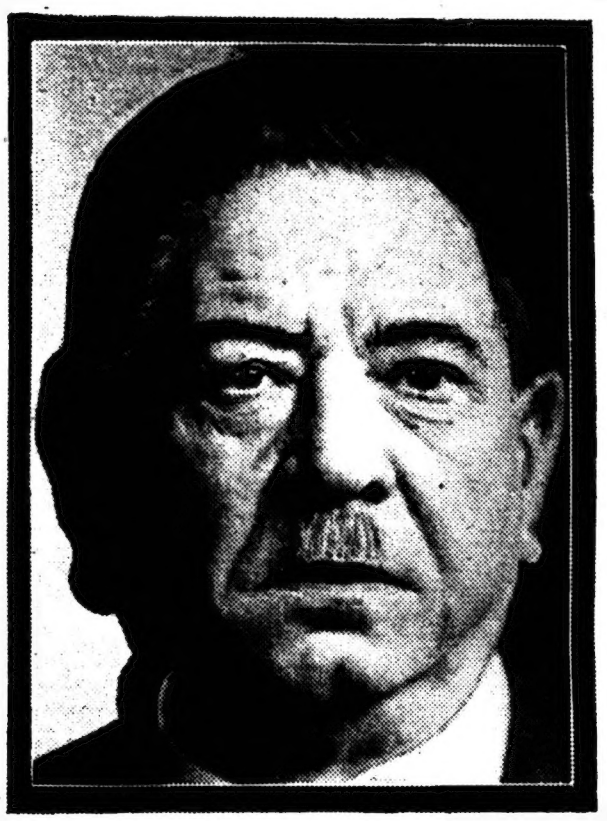
We welcome the idea. The D.C.M. is the greatest of active service decorations, apart from the V.C., which can be won by soldiers of non-commissioned rank, a fact which the public is apt to overlook.

ADAMSON'S— —*Slippery Problem*

THE BIG LARDER LIE

MY HOUSEHOLD BUDGET FOR A MAN, HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN

	s.	d.
House rent and rates	11	0
1 cwt. coal	2	6
Light	1	0
Insurance	1	0
Meat—3 lb. roll at 9d. lb.	2	3
Meat — imported, for stewing	0	8
Bacon	1	6
Suet	0	4
Sheep's head, ox-tail or rabbit	1	2
Eggs—3 fresh, 3 Egyptian	0	9
Bread and flour—white and brown	4	4
Oatmeal or Quaker Oats	0	8
Milk—1 quart per day	3	6
Rice	0	3
Tea—¼ lb.	0	6
Coffee—¼ lb.	0	6
Cocoa—¼ lb.	0	6
Sugar—4 lb.	1	0
Butter—1½ lb.	2	9
Lard—½ lb.	0	4
Cheese—½ lb.	0	7
Treacle, jam or marmalade	0	5½
Clothing and replacements	8	0
Marmite, dripping, yeast	1	2
Pearl barley	0	1



	s.	d.
Peas, beans and lentils	0	7
Salt, pepper and mustard	0	2
Currants, baking-powder, etc.	0	5½
Custard-powder	0	1
Potatoes—14 lb.	1	0
Cabbages	0	4
Pot-herbs	0	3
Lettuce or cress	0	3
Tomatoes (eating)	0	8
Tomatoes (cooking)	0	4
Apples—2 lb.	0	8
Plums, dried fruit or rhubard	0	6
Oranges	0	4
Fish (fresh)	1	2
Kippers, bloaters or finnan haddock	0	6
Firewood and matches	0	3
Soap	0	6
Soap-powder for washing	0	3
Blacklead, metal and shoe polish (average)	0	3
Hearth-stone	0	1
Doctor	1	0
Car fares	1	6
Oddments	2	1
Total budget for family, £3 0 0		

by WILL THORNE, C.B.E., M.P.

IT has become a practice with employers in many industries to demand a reduction in wages every time there is a fall in the Cost-of-Living Index Figure as shown in the Ministry of Labour *Gazette* every month.

Shortly we shall hear much about wage otiations in several great industries. The tter is one of vital national interest.

Present demands for reductions are based the alleged increase in the purchasing-er of the pound to-day as compared with same period last year.

It is said that for every pound the house-e spends to-day she can obtain 6s. worth re of household commodities than she could ear ago.

The housewife will say "Nonsense!" to s, and I must say that I heartily agree with r.

Comparing a price-list of one of our lead-stores in the West End of London for Octo-, 1929, and its list for October, 1930, I nd that there was an increase of 2½ per nt. in prices of foodstuffs in the 1930 list.

The official allegation that the cost of living s decreased is flatly contradicted by facts.

Distorted figure

NOW, the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, of which I am a member, has from time to time viewed with spicion the method of calculating the Cost-Living Index Figure.

It has repeatedly urged the Government the day to institute an enquiry into the ethod of calculation and find out if it be a stifiable one.

Part of the procedure for compiling the cessary statistics to fix the index figure is follows:

At the beginning of every month the prices d by working-class people for food, clothing, l and light, house room, etc., are gathered rough the numerous agencies in various wns and villages all over the country.

Food prices are collected from some 5,000 ops, including ordinary retail and multiple ops and co-operative stores. Information ncerning clothing, fuel and light, etc., is lected from the larger towns.

Figures as to working-class rents are sup-ed by associations of property-owners and tenants, and in some cases by local authori-s.

It is officially explained that all the returns e carefully examined by the department, and any of the figures appear inaccurate, imme-ate enquiries are made before they are opted.

The machinery seems impressive, but ether its results are justified by facts I rongly doubt.

"Cheap and nasty"

MY impressions from observations I have made is that the minimum price per pound is taken for, say, bacon, meat, tter, cheese, etc., irrespective of quality, stead of taking a fair average of the various ices.

A clever housewife will buy a little good od, knowing it will go further than cheap, steful stuff. Cheap and nasty food never ade a stout working family.

I recall that a few years ago an inde-ndent enquiry was undertaken, and it was ry definitely established that the method opted by the Government in assessing the st-of-living figure showed that figure to be less than 29 points too low.

Then, again, some little time ago it was ated on behalf of the Government in office at the increase in de-controlled houses and ats was being taken into account in arriving the index figure.

But when we discover that at the present me rents are only assessed as 53 per cent. ove pre-war, it is exceedingly difficult to see w this undertaking could have been carried t.

I have no hesitation in questioning the curacy of the rent figures. If a real enquiry to working-class rents of de-controlled houses were made, it would disclose an increase considerably over 100 per cent. above pre-war.

On April 24, 1923, the Minister of Labour announced in the House of Commons that he intended to institute an enquiry into the distribution of working-class expenditure as soon as conditions became more normal.

I am not in a position to state an exact definition of normal conditions. The term is wide—too wide, perhaps, for practical interpretation.

But, as far as I know, nothing has since been done to carry the announcement into effect.

Workers such as those in the heavy steel industry and in the mining industry dare not take advantage of the minimum cost of each of the food items. They must be well fed. Stamina is needed for continuing day by day the arduous work they have to undergo.

Yet we find the employers upholding the weekly wage of £2 2s. 6d. which is being paid to the miners. I know better than most men that this is an absurd figure.

My own budget

AS the General Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, I may say that we have a large number of members employed in the heavy steel industry whose wages work out at 2s. 6d. less per week than even those paid to the miners.

I have contended, and see no reason for altering my opinion, that even £3 per week is a wage that throws a man on the borderline of poverty.

Household budgets for a working-class family which are published from time to time —I remember those recently in JOHN BULL— will convince everybody that this is only too true, and that thousands of our workers are suffering from insufficient feeding because the income for the family is not sufficient.

Last year I had the above household budget compiled for a man and wife and three children under fourteen years of age.

This shows that £3 per week is required for bare physical needs. It will be noted that no allowance is made for gas or any form of amusement or recreation.

A wage-earner is entitled to something beyond this condition of things where he works merely to exist.

A1 or C3?

NO previous Governments have realised the necessity for an enquiry into the cost of living. But I am sure that the present Labour Government will face this important matter at the earliest opportunity.

Miss Bondfield, the Minister of Labour, will render a great service to the working-class community if she will set up the necessary machinery for an immediate enquiry.

Part of the terms of reference must be that the *average* cost of foodstuffs must be taken and not the *cheapest*.

I am perfectly confident that it will be found that the cost-of-living figure is much higher than is quoted, and that instead of the pound being worth £1 6s. to-day, it will be revealed that it is worth less, and that the cost of living has risen and not fallen.

Employers will have to find some other reason to uphold their demands for wage-reductions.

The manual worker in our staple industries cannot suffer any further hardships. If they are forced upon him we must rapidly become a C3 nation.

Addison's Shepherd's Pie

Sea Law Hold-Up—A Bang Up-to-date Bishop—A Credit Note for Cook

Candid Communications

The Rt. Hon. C. ADDISON, M.P.,
Minister of Agriculture

DEAR SIR,—The agricultural workers had expected you to invest the Central Wages Board with power to veto unfair reductions that might be ordered by the district boards, especially as such provision was in the Bill as originally drafted by the Labour Government in 1924.

Even in the face of such a threat as that thrown out by the Suffolk farmers, who proposed reducing the wages of workers over twenty-one years of age from 30s. weekly to the starvation level of 25s., you remained aloof.

It is vital that such a shabby state of affairs should be averted and the move nipped in the bud.

The leaders of the workers are restive. You can expect plain speaking. My advice to you is to come out right into the open and denounce these plots to drive poor Hodge to despair.

JOHN BULL.

The Rt. Hon. W. GRAHAM, M.P.,
President Board of Trade

DEAR SIR,—Several vital international agreements designed to unify the law of the sea are awaiting ratification by Parliament. Two such agreements were actually signed by us in December, 1922; another was signed over five years ago.

This last is particularly important. It removes that unfair disability which prevents the private owner of a vessel suing a foreign State which owns ships or cargoes.

But even more important are the decisions reached at the two conventions concerning safety of life at sea and the international load-line. These were signed two years ago and six months ago respectively, and still await the assent of Parliament.

In all matters concerning the law of the sea we have the most at stake. It is your duty to press forward ratification with all speed. JOHN BULL.

Dame RACHEL CROWDY,
100, Beaufort Street, Chelsea, S.W.

DEAR DAME,—The League of Nations has lost, in your retirement, one of its most loyal, painstaking and devoted workers.

For ten years you have waged unrelenting warfare against illicit drugs, as chief of the Social Questions and Opium Traffic section, and have been instrumental in greatly reducing the quantities of narcotics manufactured.

In addition, you have ruthlessly exposed the methods adopted by white-slave traffickers. You have saved thousands of innocent girls from shame.

I trust that a grateful country will extend official recognition of your services as a great Englishwoman.

JOHN BULL.

Captain E. T. BRITTEN, R.N.R.,
R.M.S. "Franconia"

DEAR CAPTAIN,—Congratulations on your appointment to command of the *Berengaria* in succession to commodore of the Cunard Fleet Sir Arthur H. Rostron.

You are a fine sailor. I recall the time when the passengers of the *Campania* presented you with a testimonial for bringing your ship safely through a terrific gale which damaged others.

Birmingham will be proud of its old schoolboy, and the 900 men who will sail under your command next month will give you a hearty welcome to your big ship.

Good luck to you and *Berengaria*.

JOHN BULL.

The BISHOP OF WOOLWICH,
93, Pepys Road, London, S.E.

MY LORD BISHOP,—The interest you have always taken in matters affecting working people entitles your utterances on their behalf to consideration by the thoughtful.

While others appear to be clamorous for the introduction of legislation which would narrow the lives of the poor, you are sufficiently broad-minded and sympathetic to draw attention to needs regarding housing, education, and employment that still remain unsatisfied.

I am entirely in accord with your common-sense Christianity.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. A. J. COOK,
Secretary, Miners' Federation

DEAR MR. COOK,—You and I have not always seen eye to eye, but I have always found you an honourable opponent, imbued with courage and sincerity.

You have my honest sympathy in an illness undoubtedly aggravated by the strain of your work.

At the risk of losing a leg, you carried on, working twelve hours a day, when the fate of the South Wales pits was in the balance. Only unbearable pain induced you to enter hospital.

Believe me, the miners are grateful, and I join with them in wishing you a speedy recovery. JOHN BULL.

Mr. J. E. COPE,
Higher Broughton, Manchester

DEAR MR. COPE,—Mrs. Linnaker, who kept a Liverpool boarding-house, was persuaded by a plausible young rotter to leave her home and travel to Manchester, where, he said, he had a new home ready for her and where arrangements had been made for his wedding to her daughter at the cathedral.

She duly arrived with her daughter, son and two boarders, only to find that they had been given a fictitious address and were stranded.

You, the driver of the furniture-van, took pity on them in their serious plight, taking the whole five to your home, and giving them food and shelter until friends had arranged for them to return to Liverpool.

JOHN BULL.

Rt. Hon. MARGARET BONDFIELD,
Minister of Labour

DEAR MISS BONDFIELD,—May I call your attention to a notice which recently appeared in the list of vacancies at the Gilfach Goch Employment Exchange, Bridgend, Glamorgan?

It referred to a post as "general labourer for warehouse work" at Woolwich, nearly 200 miles away.

Distance may be no object to hungry men who want work; but let me cite the qualifications demanded:

"Must be able to play football, left back position. Good gentlemanly type as he has to mix with superior types. This is the sort of thing that breaks men's hearts!

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shoulder

DR. ALFRED ADLER: "The greatest number of failures are among those who were pampered or dependent children."

The sins of the fathers—and mothers . . . .

SIR NORMAN ANGELL, M.P.: "How often we have a feeling that if our hearts are stout it does not matter how thick our heads are."

True. Heart and head must work together.

JUDGE CLUER: "Becoming a bankrupt is a profitable occupation for some people."

True; we need a harder law for the crooks and an easier one for the unfortunate.

MR. LAURENCE KING: "Slimming has been responsible for a not inconsiderable depression in the potato-growing industry."

And for much ill-health and cattle temper.

Not from the B.B.C.—Capt. P. J. Fillitoe, Chief Constable of Sheffield, on

Robert, the Salute Robot

As Chief Constable of Sheffield, it is my chief desire
To make the Force that's under my command
A model of deportment. Any youth who may aspire
To enter it will have to understand
The niceties of etiquette. He has no chance of suiting,
Unless he is an adept in the ethics of saluting.

All Sheffield's leading citizens be'll have to know by sight,
And suitable respect to them must show.
For if a desperado he is chasing through the night,
A P.C., at a pinch, must let him go,
Should (say) an alderman appear; for minor crimes, like looting,
Must not engage attention when the time comes for saluting!

And when on traffic duty he must have an eager eye
For ornaments of Sheffield's inner ring;
So if by any chance a councillor should saunter by,
The traffic to a standstill he may bring—
And while plebeian motorists are cursing him and hooting,
He'll show a wond'ring world the finer graces of saluting!

I venture to say that serious breaches of duty, such as occurred last week when a City of London policeman failed to salute the Commissioner, are not likely to occur in Sheffield.

And if they did, something more than suspension from duty, followed by a mere reprimand, would be the fate of the guilty miscreant.

As a military man, I have a deeply-rooted belief in the disciplinary value and intrinsic beauty of the salute.

That is why instructions have been issued to the Sheffield police that the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Town Clerk and "chief citizens" must be saluted.

Unfortunately, this eminently righteous order has inspired much ill-timed mirth. How, it has been asked, can a constable be expected to know by sight the ninety-six councillors, seven M.P.s, and 110 magistrates with which Sheffield is blessed?

Lewd fellows of the baser sort have suggested that photographs of these dignitaries should be exhibited in the local picture gallery, so that the force may become familiar with their faces.

Other would-be humorists urge that "chief citizens" should be required to carry sandwich-boards proclaiming their identity.

It has also been stated that the furious calisthenics of P.C. 49 engaged in saluting-drill after a meeting of the City Council might easily be misinterpreted as traffic signals.

But a really well-trained policeman should be able to salute an alderman, direct the traffic and examine the licence of a motorist simultaneously.

One form of frivolity which I particularly resent has taken the form of an impertinent enquiry as to what precisely constitutes a "chief citizen."

What about Billy Gillespie (they call
The captain of Sheffield United?
If he should pass by and receive no salute,
Would the P.C. who failed then be given the boot
If Mr. Gillespie felt slighted?

For William ('tis said) shares with our
Jimmy Seed—
Who is of the Wednesday team hero—
The honour of being by far the best-known
Of all Sheffield cits. But we don't want the tone
Of saluting to tumble to zero.

Just who our chief citizens are the plain sense
Of p'licemen should very soon show 'em.
If they know not the eminent burghers by name
Who the right to salutes are entitled to claim,
By their watchchains, at least, they should know 'em!

by A. G. GARDINER

Something BETTER than BAYONETS

"Prepared to find the people in worst case under their own rulers"

THE curtain is descending upon the great drama at St. James' Palace, and all the turbaned and princely guests who have made this winter for ever memorable in Lon-n are taking their departure for eir distant homes.

In a word the Round Table Confer-ce is practically over. With what sult?

Time alone can tell us, but this at st may be said at the outset with nfidence, that the conference has cceeded beyond all expectation.

It is true that the expectation was w. At one time it was even doubtful hether the conference could meet at l in face of the situation in India, the fusal of the Indian Congress to take y part in it, and the inflexible hos-lity of Gandhi.

This fear was overcome, and in the d a gathering more representative all India than any that has ever en held in history was assembled. ut still with small hope of success.

Few looked for any definite result, any anticipated complete failure and early and violent disruption of the nference. I doubt whether anyone pected the measure of success hieved.

Before referring to the nature of at success, let us look at the causes hich led to the change of atmosphere. I put in the first place the fact that was a Labour Government and a bour Prime Minister who had the atter in hand.

I say this without any predilection r either. But the fact is irrefutable. ad the spirit of Imperialism been in e ascendant, disaster must have been ift and sure.

The conference was absolutely free om that spirit, and the Indians were ver made to feel that they were the ppliants of a subject race asking for ivileges from a governing race. Their ide was never wounded, their title equality never challenged.

NEXT to this, the most important factor was the startling and entirely unexpected declaration by e Indian princes at the opening of e conference that they were prepared throw in their lot with British dia.

No one had hoped for this. The mon report had dismissed it as a re-ote possibility. The Viceroy's mes-ge, written on the eve of the confer-ce, did not contemplate it as an at-inable ideal.

How it was brought about we do not ow. But it changed the whole land-ape and simplified the entire oblem.

While the native States, governed by e Indian princes and comprising a ird of India, stood out, the pacifica-on of British India was infinitely ficult.

But with the unanimous consent of the princes to come in, the way was clear to an All-India solution on federal lines.

From that key-note struck on the first day the conference never wavered.

Favoured by this stroke of luck, Mr. MacDonald and the Lord Chancellor very wisely held their hand and left the Indian delegations to fight out their domestic issues openly and before the world.

The chief of those issues is, of course, the Hindu-Moslem problem. Roughly there are 250 million Hindus and 60 million Moslems.

And the overshadowing issue of the conference has been the question of securing an accommodation between these powerful blocks, without which no settlement of the Indian problem on self-governing lines is possible.

That accommodation had not at the time of writing been reached, but it had been brought within sight of achievement.

BEHIND this battle of the creeds the conference in its various committees steadily worked out the principles of a new federal constitution for all India.

In so far as self-government for the provinces was concerned, there was practically no opposition.

Dual government disappears, and each province is to have its own elected Legislature and Cabinet, without any reserved subjects. This was foreshadowed in the Simon report.

What was not foreshadowed in the Simon report, or regarded as possible at the opening of the conference, was the concession of self-government at the centre.

FORTUNATELY, the action of the Indian States in coming into the scheme had paved the way for this critical issue, and when Lord Reading on behalf of the Liberal delegation declared for a central Indian executive responsible to an Indian Parliament the triumph of the conference was assured.

This central Cabinet has no authority over the Army or foreign affairs. These subjects will still remain in the hands of the Viceroy and his Council. There will also be safeguards in relation to finance and commerce.

But apart from these subjects, which cannot be surrendered yet without peril to India, the Indian people are offered a measure of self-government hardly distinguishable from that enjoyed by the Dominions.

With this great gesture the Indian delegates are returning to their own land.

What will be the manner of their reception? Will Gandhi relent?

I do not think he will. He is a fanatic obsessed with the idea of driving out all Western thought and restoring India to primitive conditions.

Will the Congress yield? Not willingly. Having refused to join in the conference, it will aim at bringing its achievements to naught.

There will be a bitter battle, but I believe that as the delegates move among the people the tide will turn, and that in the end the scheme they have to offer will be accepted.

And what of this country? Will it accept too?

We cannot say until the scheme is implemented in an Act of Parliament. There will be opposition from some of the Conservatives; but a merely arid opposition will be futile.

I am convinced that the country wants a settlement, and if the question is put to it will overwhelmingly endorse this scheme. I hope it will.

By this I do not mean that the new order in India, if it is brought about, will be a great and immediate gain to that country.

I AM prepared to find that it is a very questionable gift, and that the people of India will be in worse case under their own rulers than they have been under us.

It may be that the great fabric of justice we have erected there will be undermined, that the poor will be exploited by tariffs, and that the police under native administration will be corrupted. All this may happen.

Yet there is no alternative. India, with a gathering momentum, has declared that it will no longer accept the government of the past.

It has brought administration to a standstill, and trade with this country, as Lancashire knows to its cost, to an end.

We cannot govern her by force if we would, and I hope we should not if we could. We can only govern her with her consent.

In securing that consent we have to take risks. We have taken them before—in Canada, in South Africa, in Ireland. And who is there to-day who will say that they were not well taken?

So in the long run will it be with India. In giving her self-government we are keeping her in the British Commonwealth system.

THE alternative is not to hold her 300 millions down with 70,000 bayonets. That cannot be done.

The alternative is to see her cut the painter altogether, to her own ruin and to our incalculable disaster.

It is for these reasons that I rejoice that the conference has come through its ordeal, and has opened a new and more splendid chapter in the history of Great Britain and India.

May the work done at St. James' Palace be crowned with success.

Homely Wisdom—by CHANCELLOR R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

Who Are the Strong?

SOME readers seem grateful for the Tired Man's Prayer which was inserted in this column on January 3, but I am in receipt of a comment upon it written in a different vein.

The writer contends that to teach a man to pray for comfort and guidance to any power outside himself is not only futile, but tends to weaken him in meeting the hardships of life and facing the last terror of all, physical death.

Urge men to harden, he says; tell them to steel themselves to stand up to evil fate and bear what must be borne and which few ever manage to escape.

By so doing they will not only fit themselves to play a man's part in life, but help to make a better world for those who come after them.

This I totally disbelieve.

True, it is advice that one hears on every hand to-day, but it is bad advice.

Mr. H. G. Wells, in his "Open Conspiracy," advocates something like it in saying that men of vision and will should get together to put an end to the deplorable waste and disorganisation that afflict the world to-day.

But from this enlightened and efficient company he would exclude persons who believe that there is any use in praying to any source of help other than human, because such persons are weaklings as compared with the self-reliant.

Bertrand Russell, in his "Conquest of Happiness," talks in much the same way.

We are to refuse to deceive ourselves into believing that life can ever be made other than an experience of struggle against heavy odds, which at length overwhelm the individual and extinguish him.

Like the rulers of Russia, these capable men think it their duty to warn us not to cherish false hopes, but to face the facts of life just as they are and make the best we can of them.

Prayer, they would say, is dope; it is like opium-eating; your dreams are pleasant, but you are the feebler for them when you wake.

The really strong men of history have not been the sort here described. They have without exception been men of faith in spiritual ideals, which is another way of saying men of prayer.

Not all the monarchs, statesmen, and leaders of armies put together have made as much difference to human history as Jesus of Nazareth; and one might almost say the same of some of His greatest followers, such as Francis of Assisi or John Wesley.

Spiritual forces are ever stronger than material in the long run, and the men who know how to wield them are the men who believe themselves to be the instruments of a Power far greater and wiser than themselves.

FAMOUS BOXER —Startling Story

TWICE during the past six months a man who has maintained the prestige of British boxing at its highest level has been put away into lunatic asylums.

He is Tommy Noble, now aged thirty-three, the former bantam-weight champion of Great Britain, feather-weight champion of the world, and Lonsdale Belt and Rickard Diamond Belt holder.

It is an astounding fact that both asylums to which he was sent as a certified lunatic have refused to detain him, and he has been quickly discharged from each.

We have sound reason for stating that Mr. Noble is not and has never been a lunatic.

A great and sad mistake has been made, and we believe there is cause why an enquiry should be made into all the circumstances associated with his certification.

Spent £100,000

It has to be said bluntly that Noble has not done justice to himself.

He made the mistake which too often brings tragedy into the lives of professional sporting champions—believing that he would always remain the idol of the public.

He has done some of the things which he ought not to have done.

We do not condone any of them, but beyond that there is something to be said for one who was snatched from obscurity into the fierce light of world publicity.

In eleven years he has gone through a fortune of £100,000, all of which he earned in the ring.

Let it be told, however, that little of it has been spent upon himself. He is an unassuming, great-hearted fellow, and harpies and parasites have battened on him in every country where his fights have taken him.

Although practically penniless himself, Noble, since he returned from America four years ago, has raised large sums for national charities.

He can claim also with pride that he has only once raised his hand in anger against another man outside the ring.

That was in Brixton when he saw the police being overpowered by a band of desperadoes.

From glove to pick

In a few seconds he had all the roughs lying in a heap in the street, and his services were recognised by a gift from the Commissioner of Police.

Two years ago Noble went through a ceremony of marriage with a woman whom he had known as a girl in his childhood days in Bermondsey.

To say the least, it was a most unhappy union.

Noble gave up all his connection with boxing, and to make and maintain a home he became a pick-and-shovel navvy with the Bermondsey Council.

Soon the home had to be broken up and the couple lived apart.

Promotion in his work came quickly

Champion and once a public idol —Tommy Noble

to Noble, and he was appointed a supervisor in charge of one of the council's depots.

Last June, Noble appeared at Tower Bridge Police Court charged with a breach of his recognisances entered into after the hearing of a summons issued against him at the instance of the woman with whom he had gone through the marriage ceremony.

During the remand which was ordered, Noble was placed in the Bermondsey Hospital.

A refusal

He asked that Dr. Alfred Salter, the local Member of Parliament, should visit him so that he might present his version of the events which had led up to his arrest and detention. The request was refused.

Next day Noble was certified as a lunatic and was transferred to the West Park Asylum, Epsom.

We have obtained a copy of the certification order.

Among the reasons given for his detention as a lunatic were that he was jealous, had exalted ideas of his importance, and believed that certain people wished him put away for their own ends.

A further statement contained in it was that charges which he made against certain people were "in the main delusional."

Statements have also been given to us by Noble's mother, brother and sister that on the day he went to the asylum they were approached with demands that they should destroy letters and documents belonging to Noble of which they had the custody in their homes.

They refused.

Soon after entering the Epsom asylum Noble was held to be so sane that he was given parole and allowed to visit the town nightly and spend the week-end in London unaccompanied.

In little more than a month he was discharged.

When his liberty was restored, the Lunacy Law Reform Society arranged for his examination by one of the best-known mental specialists to be found in London.

The specialist's report was that Noble showed no trace of insanity, past, present, or incipient.

One week later, while he was playing crib with his father in the evening, detectives called at his house and arrested him.

He was charged with uttering threats.

Terrible shock

At the trial three witnesses stated that Noble had said to them that they would soon require a new manager and that "there will be steel flying."

Noble, who protested in court that the charge was unfounded, was sent to prison for three months.

He served the sentence as an ordinary prisoner, was daily given the task of cutting rope with a sharp knife, and earned full remission marks.

The day for his release came, and he shook hands in good-bye with the warders. Then he was sent for by a prison official and told that he would not be given his liberty.

He was transferred instead as a "dangerous lunatic" to Banstead Asylum, Surrey.

No trace

In this institution Noble asked for and was given the severest possible tests for lunacy.

He submitted himself to blood tests and a spinal lumbar puncture. The results were negative.

These were submitted to the Visiting Committee at its next meeting, and his immediate release was ordered.

This "dangerous lunatic" had been in the place only two weeks when he was discharged.

We have had to examine many hundreds of strange lunacy cases, but have never before encountered one in which two asylums in such a short period have agreed that there was no reason to detain a so-called lunatic.

From time to time we have criticised the inconsistencies of the Lunacy Law.

In this instance we gladly give credit to the authority who saw at once that a man was not insane and rejected him.

But the stigma of having been twice put away as a lunatic is a cruel hardship upon Noble.

Enquiry needed

He cannot now, for instance, go to America to accept an appointment as a boxing-trainer, nor can he continue a fine voluntary work on which he had started of teaching self-defence to London schoolboys.

First of all, however, the circumstances in which this famous boxer came to be certified certainly seem to merit the very fullest official investigation.

TWENTY MAKE-UP CROOKS

AN extraordinary story lies behind the arrest of two immaculately-attired strangers in the foyer of a fashionable West End theatre the other evening.

The performance was just drawing to a close, and the men, being in evening dress, might have passed unnoticed had not two detectives also been present in the throng.

It so chanced that the detectives recognised the men as a pair they had seen at a matinée only that afternoon, and whose actions had then aroused suspicion.

That the suspicion was well founded soon transpired, for the men proved to be Thomas Jennings and Harry Schaffer—expert "dippers," or pick-pockets, both with previous convictions against them.

Their arrest, though, was so quietly effected that it caused scarcely any stir and escaped Press notice altogether.

Unfortunately, they were granted bail by the magistrate, with the result that they failed to appear for the subsequent hearing, and have since contrived to remain at large.

Twenty dandies

In one instance bail for £100, put up by a Russian, has been entreated; but in the other, where a landlady stood security, the magistrate rightly let her off.

It was clear that she had been utterly misguided, and had acted from sheer pity for the wife and newly-born child of the rogue involved.

It is a great pity that Jennings and Schaffer have escaped, for fashionable pickpockets have been increasingly active of late.

There are at least two dozen really polished experts now working in close harmony to the detriment of the public and the exasperation of Scotland Yard.

They are the last word in respectability and refinement, so far as appearances go, and are more at home in dress clothes than many of the wealthy hotel guests, theatregoers and visitors to important functions on whom they prey.

Scores of complaints have been lodged with the police.

So many thefts were reported recently from one theatre in London that police-officers attended nightly as ordinary playgoers in order to keep suspects under observation.

Harvest of wallets

It is a simple matter for the experts to acquire several wallets while mingling with crowds in theatre corridors; but detection is by no means so simple.

Even when suspicions have been aroused it has been found that descriptions have proved conflicting, and it is certain that many refinements of make-up are practised by the gang such as artificially tanning the skin to produce a foreign-looking appearance.

In view of all these circumstances we trust that magistrates will not entertain the prospect of bail when the next arrests are made.

Weekly Informations from SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

QUEER FARM-STOCK SCHEME

Left to right:—"Swindled the public out of £50,000"—Edward W. Donallon; "A much-convicted rogue"—Walter Kirby; "Notorious company promoter"—William Wrentmore

INVESTIGATIONS into a casual query put by one of my readers enable me to denounce a most impudent scheme in which the public sympathy for the farmer is to be exploited to the utmost.

An amazing feature of the investigations has been the manner in which the names of certain individuals of varying calibre have cropped up.

For the moment, however, I must confine myself to the activities of a person calling himself "Hesketh Pearson," who is undoubtedly the chief instigator.

He is an enterprising man of from thirty-five to forty, who has recently resided at addresses in King's Road, Chelsea; Cromwell Road, Notting Hill, and Sidney Street, Fulham.

At the same time he has been very much in evidence at an office in Coventry Street, London, W.

He would show the present Government that its "Help the Farmers" scheme, by which money is officially lent to farmers on the security of bills of sale on their stock, is all wrong; that it seriously impairs their credit.

Cattle on credit

He offers an alternative through a concern called the British Farmers' Trust and Finance Co., Ltd., which, with a capital of £5,000, proposes to raise unlimited sums to help distressed farmers to "reap the full reward of their labour, instead of feeding cattle for the benefit of others."

The British Farmers Trust and Finance Co., Ltd., will not tie up farmers with irksome bills of sale, but will provide livestock for them upon hire-purchase terms, 25 per cent. down and the balance by easy instalments.

Some of the literature of the concern which has come into my possession makes impressive reading.

I am given to understand from it that a well-known peer has graciously offered to place one of his estates at the company's disposal for use as a stocking-ground.

A leading assurance company, too, is said to be prepared to issue a policy guaranteeing all transactions up to 85 per cent. of their value in the event of default on the part of farmers.

Further, one of the "Big Five" banks is said to be prepared to discount the agreements in conjunction with the said guarantee.

But while all these favourable arrangements are boasted, peer, assurance company and bank all remain unnamed. Why? It seems a little strange when one considers the confident figures which follow.

Dud cheques

A turnover running into millions of pounds is anticipated, with handsome profits for the lucky investors, so that it would seem that, apart from the concern expressed at the plight of the farmer, the Trust is more mercenary and less philanthropic than would at first appear.

If I interpret Mr. Pearson's figures correctly, the unnamed bank is willing to advance £12,000 to the Trust for an initial payment of £20 4s.

Money thus obtained is to be spent in rearing cattle that will be passed on to farmers at an agreed rate of hire-purchase interest, bringing the Trust a net profit of £41 16s. on every £20. What philanthropy!

Although the literature before me is crammed with figures representing inspiring profits, I note that Hesketh Pearson states that "detailed figures will be given to investors."

In these circumstances, I think a little information about Mr. Hesketh Pearson himself might appropriately be given to them as well.

He is an individual who is very badly in need of finance at the present time, and has distinguished himself of late by passing quite a number of worthless cheques.

He is certainly not the man to be at the helm in any undertaking in which money is being obtained from the investing public.

Even landladies, upon whom he has imposed, are among those now pressing him for money obtained through worthless cheques and other dishonest means.

I have many dishonoured cheques cashed by him before me, and I observe that one of them was cashed for Pearson by a firm called Midwinter and Co., Ltd., of the Strand, London, and returned through their bank account with orders not to pay.

The history of this cheque is interesting.

Midwinter and Co., Ltd., who are so-called "financial agents," were approached by Pearson to assist in the financing of the British Farmers' Trust.

Readers may think his choice a strange one when I say that the secretary of this Strand firm is a notorious company promoter named William Wrentmore, who has also proved an adept in the past in passing bad cheques and duping numerous people in bogus employment-with-investment schemes.

A few of the ramps in which Wrentmore has been concerned and in which thousands of pounds have been swallowed up, are the National Wireless Corporation; Therofare Motors, Ltd.; the Woodbridge Engineering Co., Ltd.; the Fawn Motor Syndicate, and Wilmore's Wireless, Ltd.

Some bank!

It is amusing, therefore, to find him the recipient of a worthless cheque from Hesketh Pearson!

But that is not all. This particular cheque was drawn in Pearson's favour on the Lanatbank Corporation, Ltd., of 3-5, Burlington Gardens, London.

This is not a bank at all in the real sense of the word, and its history is illuminating.

It was formed about two years ago as a private company in the name of Arthur Tester, Ltd., and did not assume its present title until a year later.

Although its career has been so short, it has seen many changes of address and constant reshuffling of directors.

Among the last to resign was Arthur Tester.

Yet he and his wife, as directors of a private company called the Burlington Trust, Ltd., hold all the shares in the Lanatbank Corporation. What a bank!

But still further disclosures must be made.

Until recently a Mr. Edward Coates, self-described as an "international broker," was offering, from an office in Cannon Street, London, a return of £400 on every £100 invested.

His circulars announced that "the repayment of capital and interest of this offer is guaranteed by the Lanatbank Corporation, Ltd., bankers, 3-5, Burlington Gardens, Piccadilly, London, W."

When I say that "Edward Coates" is the alias of Edward William Donallon, who, as Graham, Marsh and Co., Ltd., swindled the public out of £50,000, and who has been to jail four times—including a term of three years' penal servitude—further comment is unnecessary.

At one time Donallon was actually negotiating to acquire the Lanatbank Corporation.

This cannot, of course, be the unnamed bank that is to make £12,000 advances to Pearson's Farmers' Trust for initial payments of £20.

One of Pearson's recent dupes was a lady he met at the office of the Chester Publicity Company, Wine Office Court, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A past

She believed him to be the Hesketh Pearson who is known as a journalist and author, and who, I should say here, is much annoyed at the flagrant misuse of his name.

With this belief, she cashed a cheque for him, which followed the fate of all the others I have mentioned.

What the bogus Pearson's connection with the Chester Publicity Company was I cannot say; but he was often at the office, which was run by a Mrs. Nellie Chester and her twenty-four-year-old son Philip.

Mrs. Chester is an adventuress, who has passed alternatively as "Mrs. Adams" and "Miss Brookling."

Both she and her son were recently sentenced at Bow Street Police Court to twelve months' imprisonment for robbing people in an employment-with-investment fraud.

It is interesting to note that more than one of the cheques cashed by Pearson and returned unpaid to dupes were signed by Walter G. Kirby, a much-convicted rogue, who was recently exposed in these columns.

Pearson — or Frederick Horace Keeble Pearson, to give him his real name—is no stranger to prison either.

In the summer of 1925 he was arrested and sentenced at the Old Bailey to nine months' imprisonment for felony and forgery.

Then, in April, 1927, he was again sentenced at the London Sessions, this time to twelve months for false pretences, after posing as a double "Blue" and a relative of Lord Cowdray.

Sheer impudence!

Finally, in September, 1928, following a tour in the impudent guise of a nephew of the late Sir Arthur Pearson, and posing as the foreign correspondent of a London newspaper, he was again sent to jail for obtaining credit as an undischarged bankrupt and obtaining money by false pretences.

I think, therefore, my readers will agree that he has surpassed himself in impudence by coming forward as the champion of the country's agricultural industry.

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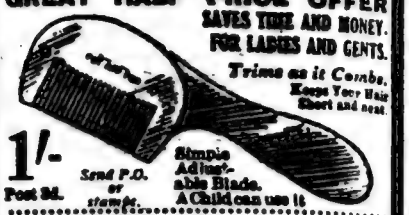

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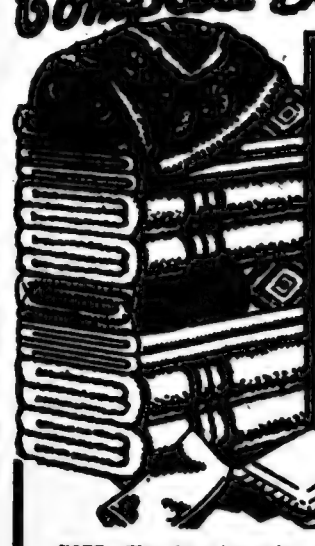

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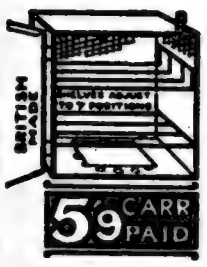

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BOGUS DOCTOR'S BLACK RECORD

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MOST bogus medical practitioners, however extravagant their claims, remain discreetly silent regarding their past training and experience.

Not so Mr. F. G. St. John, a "nerve specialist," of Middle Lane, Hornsey, London, N., who likes to talk of his former association with a famous hospital.

While he grants consultations at his home address, St. John does not confine himself to purely local practice.

On occasion, he tours from town to town with remarkable energy, and his fees are arranged on a conveniently elastic scale to suit the circumstances of his patients.

His favourite pose is that of a skilled nerve - specialist, who, but for his advanced and original views, might be at the head of the medical profession to-day.

To his more enquiring patients he has on more than one occasion confided that he was once house-surgeon at Guy's Hospital, but that his refusal to work on the stereotyped lines of the profession, and his outspoken views on certain medical matters, had led to his being brought before the General Medical Council.

A word of apology and an acceptance of conventional tenets would have smoothed out everything; but he could not be false to his beliefs. He had preferred to be struck from the Register!

Candour always sounds plausible, and St. John usually creates a good impression as he flits from town to town.

That the good impression does not always last seems clear from the following facts:

Warned off

Romford, in Essex, used to be a favourite centre with him until certain very serious information was received about his activities by the British Medical Association.

The outcome of this was that St. John was warned by a local detective that it would be wiser for him to avoid Romford in future.

He has not been seen in this neighbourhood since.

The Medical Defence Union, the General Medical Council and the British Medical Association are unanimous in their views of this impudent quack.

But they are powerless to take action against him, for by posing as a "specialist" he avoids any necessity for affecting the prefix of "Dr."

St. John's claim to have been a house-surgeon at Guy's Hospital is a monstrous fabrication, which we hasten to denounce.

The authorities there are naturally indignant about it, and have been good enough to check records for us dating back to 1880 without being able to trace him.

Big profits

In all that time there has been no such person there either as house-surgeon or even as an ordinary student.

As St. John is well under fifty, his record, if it existed, would certainly have fallen within the scope of this search.

Meanwhile this impostor continues to flourish.

His profits on medicines alone must be enormous, though, did his misguided patients know it, his favourite specifics are really very ordinary preparations.

He buys his medicines in bulk from a firm of East End chemists at prices which allow a big percentage of profit on his retail charges.

It is hardly surprising, therefore, that he is able to drive about in a big saloon-car.

Yet he has no medical qualifications whatever!

Even the name he lives under is false. He was christened as Francis G. Kirkby, and has been a life-long criminal.

He stole money as a lad from the very first firm for which he worked; and, after ignoring a kindly warning for another escapade, was sent to Borstal for two years.

Later, after convictions for theft, he was sent to jail for housebreaking.

He has, in fact, served six prison sentences, two of which have been for bigamy—a painful disclosure, perhaps, when one considers that the majority of his patients are women.

As far back as 1923 Chief Inspector Prothero, of Scotland Yard, called upon the Medical Defence Union for information because of the numerous complaints that were arising.

Usurping rights

It seems utterly preposterous that a man of St. John's type should be able to operate in this way with impunity, usurping the privileges and distinctions of a noble profession.

It means that anyone, without education and skill, can compete with those whose training may cost thousands.

In the interests of the public upon whose ignorance he battens, and for the protection of qualified medical men whose profession he besmirches, drastic measures should be devised to make such quackery impossible.

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He has entered for every contest which has appeared in JOHN BULL.

So, in Mr. Scott's own words, "It's dogged that does it!"

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Mrs. E. Simpson, of 16, Ossington Villas, Sherwood Street, Nottingham, received a turkey prize a short time ago.

"This is a good omen," she told herself. And, sure enough, her next Crossword effort won the other £300 share of the prize-money in this competition.

Mrs. Simpson has a fifteen-year-old enthusiasm for competitions; listen while she tells you how it's done:

"I always consider the things that are not obvious, but I follow the clues in a common-sense way. If this is done, perseverance will bring success. Luck does not enter into it at all."

Our £600 Crossword puzzle appears on page 36 this week.

(Next week is JOHN BULL's Crossword Celebration Contest. The first prize has been increased to 1,000 guineas, with £100 for runners-up.)

PATHOS *and the* PIG-KING

PATHETIC letters continue to reach us from victims of the Little Wadhurst Farm, Ltd., which, as our readers will recall, is in process of liquidation.

"The shock of the loss has practically resulted in the death of my husband as he was already in bad health," writes one poor woman from North London, while another letter, from Co. Down, Ireland, tells how the savings of an entire family are involved to the tune of £850.

It is all very tragic, particularly as a report just issued by the liquidator holds out little or no hope, but shows a total deficiency of £202,207 14s. 4d.

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One feature of the report that will be of special interest to JOHN BULL readers is that all the contentions in our original exposure of the scheme, more than two years ago, are confirmed.

It will be recalled that we exclusively revealed that the prime mover behind the venture was an American named Guy Henry Mather.

The report now before us supports us in almost every respect. It shows that Mather, as "General Adviser" to the company, drew the comfortable salary of £40 a week, with expenses in addition.

It further confirms our assertion that the whole scheme was drawn up by Mather, and adds that, though investors were supposed to be allotted pigs in return for their money, the allotment was never faithfully carried out.

The company commenced business without cash capital, and though one director was prevailed upon to pay £500 for the privilege of joining the company, the money was never passed through the company's banking account, but was kept by Mather.

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As funds came in from investors they were not utilised for the purchase and maintenance of pigs, as the public was led to expect, but went in overhead charges, and, in the liquidator's own words, "the results of the company's trading were disastrous."

The situation is complicated because a number of subsidiary companies—all founded by Mather—are more or less involved, while the books of the original venture are in a chaotic state.

Until the liquidator has finished battling with his almost impossible task of reducing chaos to order, the victims must wait in suspense, though the prospect of there being any salvage from the wreck is small.

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Meanwhile, Mr. Mather must be made to give all assistance in unravelling the tangle for which he is so largely responsible.

He ought to be compelled to face the music.

GOOD NEWS

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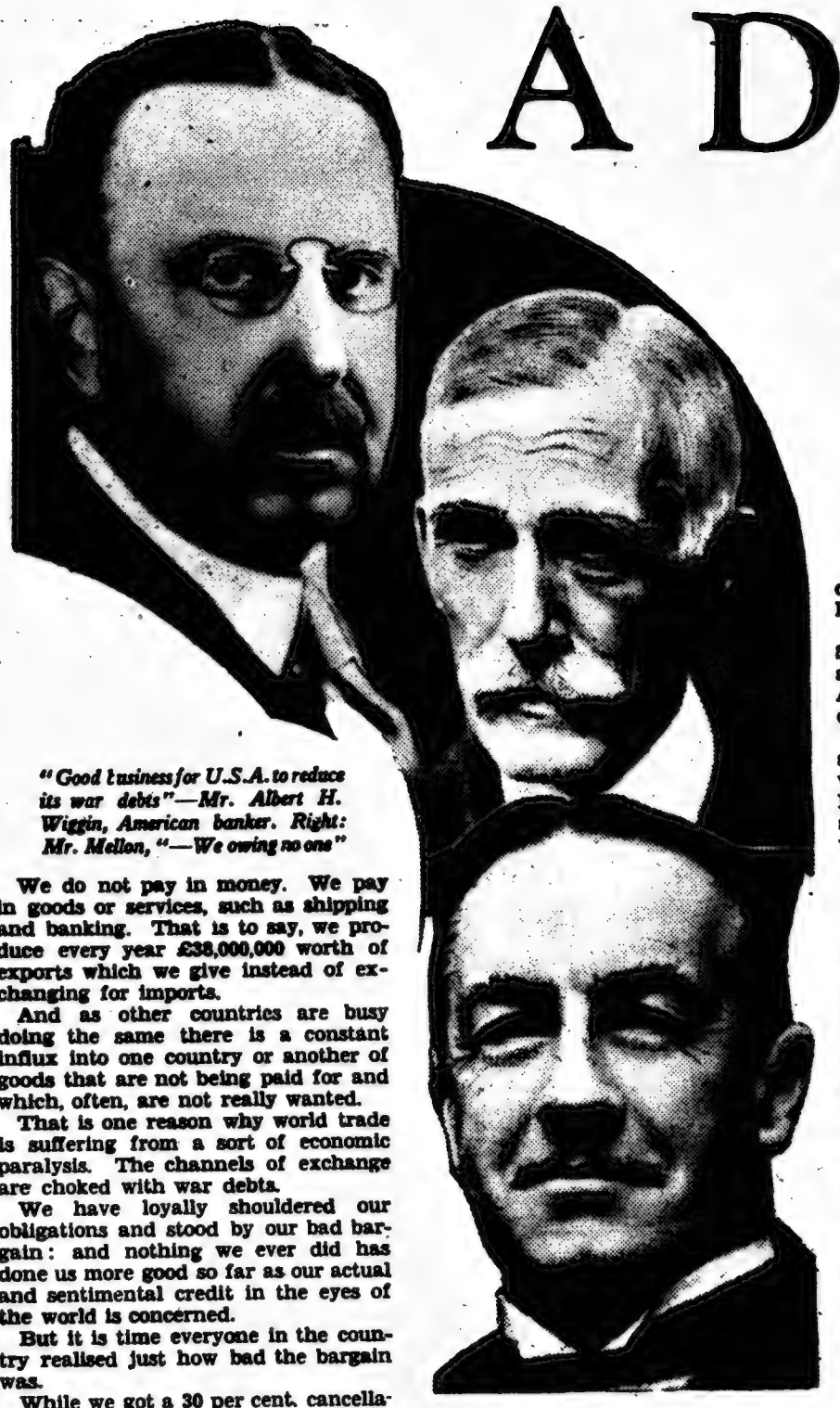
A Debt to Bilk

By E. Roffe Thompson



"Good business for U.S.A. to reduce its war debts"—Mr. Albert H. Wiggin, American banker. Right: Mr. Mellon, "—We owing no one"

THIRTEEN years ago Mr. Hoover said: "America will be rich and prosperous as a result of the war. We shall have made untold millions of wealth, and all out of the e and the swelter of Europe."

To-day that prophetic utterance re- ins a poison in the veins of all the tions of the world.

Into the highest councils of every untry there is creeping an uneasy ling that the root-cause of the rld's troubles is the millstone of war bts that has destroyed the free cir- lation of the world's gold, upset the tire balance of world trade, and kept en numerous international sores at should long ago have been healed.

It is becoming plain that the whole rld is being steadily strangled by e tentacles of a financial octopus at could be slain with ease if once nse in authority could nerve them- ves to the task.

Because, so far, they have not so rved themselves, their peoples are ing flung out of work, and the whole ancial and economic machinery of eir countries is being dislocated, oked and slowed down to stagnation int.

The facts are not obscure, but they e neither sufficiently well known nor fficiently thought about by the man the street, whose bread and butter pends on the problems they raise ing solved.

Lost chance

We borrowed, during the war, ,000,000,000 from America to supply, t ourselves, but our Allies, with food d munitions.

As against that, our Allies owed us rect the stupendous sum of ,000,000,000.

When, at the close of the war, clear- hted men saw terrifying possibili- s opening up, they proposed that we ould wipe out our Allies' indebted- ss to us if America would cancel r debt to her.

The failure to grasp this opportunity ll go down to history as one of the st tragic blunders ever made by sponsible statesmen; and Mr. Bald- n, despite all protests, made a settle- ent of the American debt that stag- red his own countrymen and amazed merica, putting us under the obliga- on of paying £38,000,000 in interest America every year.

We do not pay in money. We pay in goods or services, such as shipping and banking. That is to say, we produce every year £38,000,000 worth of exports which we give instead of exchanging for imports.

And as other countries are busy doing the same there is a constant influx into one country or another of goods that are not being paid for and which, often, are not really wanted.

That is one reason why world trade is suffering from a sort of economic paralysis. The channels of exchange are choked with war debts.

We have loyally shouldered our obligations and stood by our bad bargain: and nothing we ever did has done us more good so far as our actual and sentimental credit in the eyes of the world is concerned.

But it is time everyone in the country realised just how bad the bargain was.

While we got a 30 per cent. cancellation of the debt, France and Belgium got a 60 per cent. cancellation, and Italy got a cancellation of no less than 80 per cent.

And there is worse than that. The famous "Balfour Note," laying down the policy of the British Government on war debts, said:

"The policy of His Majesty's Government is that of surrendering its share of German reparations, and writing off, through one great transaction, the whole body of inter-allied indebtedness.

"But if this be found impossible of accomplishment, we wish it to be understood that we do not in any event desire to make a profit out of any less satisfactory arrangement.

"In no circumstances do we propose to ask more from our debtors than is necessary to pay our creditors."

Very sound—but what are the facts?

"The amount which Britain has to pay to America," says Mr. Snowden, "reaches £38,000,000 sterling a year.

"Put us under the obligation of paying £38,000,000 a year in interest"

Nothing said

"Under Britain's agreements with her debtors they have to pay about £20,000,000 sterling a year, so that if all the debt agreements stand Britain will be burdened for sixty years with an excess payment on her internal debt of £18,000,000 a year."

Now nothing is said in the newspapers, but it is a fact that nowhere more than in America is the impossibility and injustice of the whole position more clearly recognised.

Neither the British nor the American people are ever told that, despite the remaining huge burden, there has been anyway a cancellation of indebtedness by America of something like 51 per cent.

And it is never mentioned that Wall Street, alarmed at the situation, is always exerting pressure on the American Government to make the cancellation complete.

But financiers and statesmen know all about it—and they are getting worried. For even in America, Mr. Hoover's "untold millions of wealth" are not bringing the prosperity that was expected.

A dirty slate

To hoard gold in bank cellars is proving as unprofitable and as disastrous to America as it proved to Germany at the end of the Franco-Prussian War.

What is to be done? The wiping clean of the slate, possible with a stroke of the pen ten years ago, is not so simple a thing to accomplish now.

Yet I think there is a possible way out, an experiment that has not yet been tried.

When the outbreak of war dislocated business throughout Europe we declared a moratorium, a temporary suspension of the payment of individual debts, to enable us to readjust our economic machinery to the new conditions.

Is there any real reason why we should not, in the new crisis that has overtaken the world, declare an international moratorium?

Under the rigid grip of the war-debts settlements all the nations of the world are struggling vainly to readjust the exchange of gold and the exchange of goods.

Under the inexorable pressure of these debts the more they try the less they succeed.

Oil for machine

What every nation needs is not only time to pay, but time to consider *how* to pay without knocking to smithereens the delicately balanced economic machinery of civilisation.

Why should we not, therefore, declare an international moratorium for three or five years so that the whole question could be examined by experts?

If a way was found so to adjust matters that the economic machine could once more run smoothly, the man who found it could well be hailed by his fellows as the saviour of civilisation.

For unless some fresh settlement of the war debts question is found soon, there will be precious little civilisation for anyone to save.

"We ended the war," said Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury, "with everyone owing us, and we owing no one." I have never read a simpler statement of an impossible position.

Isn't it time the nations of the world got together and did something about it?

The Human Machine

Be Venturesome!

MANY people who do not get on as quickly as they would like fail to suspect that the chief cause is their inability to distinguish between ambition and dreaming. Dreams are not a waste of time—as long as they are controlled. The dangerous dreams are those which control the dreamer.

No one, it is true, can be really ambitious who has not first dreamed of better things; but genuine ambition makes a dream fit the framework of a definite plan.

A little while ago an unemployed man had a dream. He saw himself in business for himself. But he did not sit down and bask in the comforting glow of his dream—for he also had ambition.

He went to the relieving officer, and asked, not for a gift, but for a loan of 24s.; he thought he could buy toys and sell them again.

The relieving officer, being a wise man with a sound knowledge of human nature, lent him the money.

In a few weeks the man came back and repaid it. To-day he has 1,600 regular customers and employs an assistant to help him.

There is another lesson to be learned from this true story of an unemployed man who was not content to remain a helpless cabbage—and that is that all great things have small beginnings.

The golden secrets of success are still hard work allied to patience and not a little daring.

Dreams will always provide the vision, but work—and hard work—is the only way to make the vision a reality.

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. . . Within six months rain was coming through the roof"

SLUM-CLEARANCE is a cry that has galvanised local authorities to action throughout the country. But so ill has this effort been directed, that many of the new estates already rival the older cities' worst examples of insanitary foulness.

In the districts surrounding London and in the environs of every large city and town mass-production of houses has been going on apace.

The number completed in England and Wales in the year 1930 exceeded the 1929 total of 169,000 by more than 32,000.

Yet of many of these we can say confidently that it would have been better for the country if they had never been built. Their design and the quality of material used makes it certain that before many years have passed they will degenerate into hovels.

Bad as this state of affairs is, we are drifting to worse, if drastic action is not taken by the Government.

It must be ensured by central authority that all future building schemes are planned by qualified and registered architects.

There is a Bill providing for the registration of architects and surveyors before the House of Commons now. It must be passed and strengthened to prevent any recurrence of the scandal we now disclose.

In the meantime what are the authorities going to do for those working people who have already become liable to pay for houses which will certainly collapse by the time the final instalment is paid?

Councils to blame

THE closing of the jerry-built stable-door is belated. Corporations and district councils throughout the country have been for years encouraging their humbler ratepayers to take on these unsound commitments.

How widespread and lamentable are the conditions is revealed by our post-bag.

The cheapest materials on the smallest piece of ground would seem to be the watchword prevailing with such authorities.

Despite there being in practice in Britain no fewer than 10,000 qualified architects and surveyors, whose education cost about £1,000 apiece, their services are frequently not engaged on local housing schemes.

Uninstructed builders with an eye solely to fancy profits have been able to get their housing plans passed and the tenders they submit accepted without either being submitted to a competent authority.

In thousands of cases the materials used are bad, the workmanship hasty and scamped, while design, either from the point of appearance or efficiency, has not been considered.

A reader of JOHN BULL who purchased a house last year for £1,100 has not found the comfort she anticipated.

Within six months of parting from her money she found the rain coming through the roof. The doors had expanded so that they could not be closed, and one chimney was so badly constructed that it was impossible to light a fire without risk of being kippered!

The builders when approached were bland and unperturbed. They pointed out a clause in her agreement under which she accepted responsibility for repairs. They impudently offered to undertake the work at a reasonable price.

And this is one case among thousands.

Land diddle

A MAN paid £75 down on a house and agreed to pay the balance of £800 by way of rent. Some time later he found that he was not in possession of the area of land for which he had stipulated, so he consulted a competent surveyor.

The surveyor elicited from the local authorities that his client was entitled to an additional 25 ft. of ground.

Recently an action was successfully brought by a resident on an estate in respect of one of 600 newly erected houses.

Rain came through the walls, which were percolated by damp to such an extent that lichens commenced to grow on them. The mortar was found to be of such inferior quality that instead of resisting moisture it acted like a sponge.

Many similar complaints were showered on the local sanitary inspector, but it was left to one of the ill-used tenants to seek legal relief.

The excuse that there had been abnormal weather did not save the builder from payment of £91 damages to the tenant.

Exactly what the plight of many thousands of families all over the country will be should there come a succession of wet seasons can only be guessed.

The result will be evident in the number of working days lost through sickness.

A reader who has lived for some years in a house on a post-war estate near London complains of the smells arising from bad sanitation.

The ambulance is a regular visitor to this spot; as a rule, the victim removed to hospital is a child.

When a little while back an urban district council sat to consider a scheme for the erection of fifty-eight houses for working people, the chairman of the housing committee questioned the possibility of squeezing the whole lot into 4½ acres of land.

It was then disclosed that the plans made no provision for a back entrance and that there were no scavenging facilities—*unless the front door was used.* With great difficulty one or two public-spirited councillors secured some amplification of this ill-considered scheme.

Materials used in these miscalled houses are as bad as the plans.

Feeding the fat

SMALL-ROOMED, poky-windowed structures are made of cheap Belgian tiles, Siberian timber, French cement and Dutch bricks. Glass usually comes from Czecho-Slovakia, and the baths—if any—come in from Germany.

But to the tenants this cheapness does not extend. It stays with the profiteers.

A great corporation was selling houses a little while back to the tenants on its estates for from £500 to £600 apiece on terms including a leasehold for 999 years.

The optimistic builder might have been putting up pyramids in a climate as dry as Egypt!

A working man buying such a house is required to pay a rent of from 18s. to 23s. weekly over a period of twenty years—at the end of which period he will be the owner—*if the house is still standing and habitable.*

We have the authority of reputable architects for these italics.

During the little more than twelve years since the war no fewer than 1,476,000 houses have been erected, nearly a million of them with State assistance, and very few of them—unless the normal course of the weather changes drastically—will outlast the lives of those who are paying dearly for them.

Blasted hopes

HOPE for "a home of their own," the ambition of honest working men to be masters of their own houses, has been shabbily defeated.

Greed and the laxity of public bodies in control of building have littered the land—at exorbitant prices—with new rack-rents and new slums.

How far does the Bill for registering architects and surveyors fall short of remedying this state of affairs?

Will the Ministry of Health refuse to sanction any scheme that does not provide for the employment of competent men?

Will the authority oversee the quality and cost of materials?

And will public bodies that have already deceived their ratepayers be called to book, and their relations with the builders be investigated?

Ask your Member of Parliament!

PENNY ENTRANCE-FEE—

THE POWER OF PENNY

"The ... drif... every ... mode...

THIS is the epic of the penny. The story of the most romantic, the most popular, the most versatile coin on earth to-day; of its power, and sometimes its glory, of the vital part it plays in modern society, of its place in big business and little homes.

Never since the penny post gave it paramount importance nearly a hundred years ago has the penny's dusky face reflected such importance. It is much ado about everything—this coin that is familiarly called a "brown."

In 1929—the last year for which official figures are available—over 83,000,000 pieces of bronze coin were struck at the Royal Mint, compared with 82,000,000 in 1928 and 84,000,000 in 1927.

Master Penny, indeed, goes from strength to strength. He is the Micawber of currency, cropping up everywhere, as persistent as Britannia, whose image he bears. He drifts into every phase of modern life.

Without him we should be at six-pences and sevens!

The bottom would drop out of the poor man's budget. Giant concerns built around him would tumble into temporary chaos. Little boys with the sweet tooth would mourn his passing every Saturday morning.

The Master of the Royal Mint hazards that the increased demand for bronze coin is a "phenomenon unless it be due to the gradual fall in prices, combined, perhaps, with the ever-increasing use of automatic machines."

Maybe. But the real secret of the penny's supremacy is its popularity, its potentialities, and the fact that it is the natural "brake" on expenditure. There are a million things it will buy, and a legion of things you cannot buy without it.

With a pound in your pocket you have 240 servants at your beck and call; little genii who jump, with dusky face, at your command.

There is no coin (apart from the half-penny and the farthing, which scarcely count these days) for which you could expect so little, and no coin for which you get so surprisingly much.

A vote of thanks, then, to old King Offa of Mercia, who first introduced the penny—then a quaint and cumbersome thing—into England some 1,200 years ago, when the only automatic machines of national importance were those adapted to the inelegant and uncommercial purposes of torture and execution.

To-day, the automatic machine, with which we might now continue this romance of the penny, sweeps the land and, *inter alia*, the pennies into its coffers.

It is a national habit, where once it was a novelty. It contributes to an essential national service.

A robot army

Hundreds of thousands of pounds are invested in these robots, and millions of money tinkle through their slots annually.

Their fairy-godfather in this country, the British Automatic Company, Ltd., a name familiar to everybody who has ever used a railway-station, alone has 101,000 machines in active operation in the British Isles.

And they are all British-made, stocked with British goods of shop value, entailing the employment of hundreds of inspectors, mechanics, collectors, office and workshop officials and over 7,000 agents.

What a part the penny plays in this network of robot efficiency! If all the pennies they tempted into their mechanical bosoms each separate year were marshalled in single file they would stretch from England to the heart of Canada—and part of the way back.

There are roughly 80,000 silent salesmen retailing commodities such as cigarettes and chocolates; 14,000 weighing-machines, and 7,500 amusement-machines.

Apart from this pioneer concern, which broke the ice forty-three years ago by installing a handful of "boxes for the automatic delivery of chocolate and sweetmeats," there are concerns galore exploiting machines of varied amenities.

Even the small shopkeeper, driven to ingenious substitutes by strict closing-hour restrictions, relies upon his robot friend for "overtime."

Chewing-gum and razor-blades and such thought-of-at-the-last-minute essentials are easily obtainable at any time, thanks to friend penny and the machines.

The law keeps a friendly eye on the robot, but there is little it can do to harm him. Even some of the little things, nevertheless, are irritating.

The law insists, for instance, that each machine selling cigarettes shall take out its individual tobacco licence, as though it were a thing of flesh and blood. One famous concern alone pays annually for three thousand 5s. 3d. licences.

But the penny keeps a smiling face. He stands by for service. It may be "after time," but you shall have your smoke—one or sometimes two a penny, and no back answers.

Master Penny's only grievance over his automatic-machine service is that he often finds himself in bad company, cheek-by-jowl with impostors from France, Germany, Spain, South America, China, India, from the four quarters of the globe—interlopers who, by virtue of appearance rather than intrinsic worth, have persuaded the British machines to part with their wares.

We peeped recently into the "prisoners' camp" of an automatic-machine firm, where lay, several feet deep, many stones in weight, the latest batch of "duds" dropped into the machines by the unscrupulous.

There was the most motley assortment of foreign coins imaginable.

But they were only on a ticket-

— TO THE GREATEST SHOWS IN THE WORLD

of-leave," for when sorted, they will be despatched to the banks, and will mitigate to some extent the loss to the firm.

There were also, however, "pennies" of a character beggaring classification.

They were washers, tiddlywinks, skilfully-loaded tinfoil, filed tin, the flattened patent tops of beer-bottles, buttons, rounded layers of lead, a cardboard half-crown from some child's toy-shop set, and a hundred and one varieties of crude forgeries.

All that is a significant and colourful sidelight on the mission and the achievement of the penny, but the penny is embedded far more deeply into the fabric of the nation.

Its influence on trade and commerce has been stupendous. It is an index figure, and a barometer. It is at the same time a stimulant and a signal.

And the pounds

It keeps competition, the integral soul of progress, red-hot, eager and up to the minute.

The little penny more, or the little penny less—and what a difference to all concerned! "Take care of the pence; the pounds will take care of themselves" may be an ancient tag, but true it is.

Great self-made magnates, such as Sir Thomas Lipton—to mention but one—heralds of a new gospel in the daily round of supply and demand, learned the lesson of the penny while young; they saw its powerful moral, realised its potential national significance.

The young, poor and ambitious Lipton, later to be a king's pal and a world figure, in his bed under a shop-counter, determined that he would not forget.

Careful and thrifty regard for his own pennies laid the foundation of his world-famous business. Determination to give value down to the last penny spent by his customers spelt its inevitable success.

He saw the writing on the wall of the cupboard as heads of other great trades catering for the British housewife have seen it since.

With intrinsic insight he realised that the demand for the penny she begrudges is a pound lost, and that the gift of the penny she might have paid is confidence gained.

The small, grasping shopkeeper in the small towns and villages for years indiscriminately added pennies to his profits, happy in the knowledge that his customers could not buy elsewhere.

He would not learn the lesson of the penny until the combines were on top of him and smashing him. To-day, consumers will not be led like lambs to the slaughter. They have the penny complex. News of a change in price travels like news in battle.

Nor is this meanness or spite. The wife knows that the pennies count. Should her husband query her weekly budget, she invariably replies, "Yes, but you have no idea how the little things mount up."

And they do. The pennies that go on the "tremendous trifles" run quickly into shillings. It is inevitable that the housewife should be jealous of the coppers.

Matches, needles, firewood, buttons, soap, pepper, salt, vinegar, cotton, thread—these are but a few of the oddments which cost money, but never engage the attention of the mere male until he has seen the bill.

The penny bazaar, an institution which was of household importance in Britain before the war, may have lost a little of its prestige and importance, but the threepenny and sixpenny store, in which the pennies circulate just the same, has not only supplanted it, but has put a new complexion on the buying of trifles.

Thinking in coppers

One famous store has 482 branches throughout the British Isles. It sells almost everything that can be purchased for a few coppers. It attracts all classes and both sexes. It is thronged morning, noon and night.

Millions of money in pennies go over the counters every year in household necessities, toilet requisites, toys, books, ornaments, novelties. This multiple store where pennies count is the Mecca of the penny-spender—and saver.

But not only where the housewife is concerned is the penny of paramount importance. The "master of the house" himself has a wary eye for the vital piece of bronze.

He spends more in pennies, thinks more in pennies, and saves more in pennies than you would at first imagine.

Here, for example, is one day's budget of a married clerk of thirty-two:

Fare to office, 5d.; newspaper, 1d.; cigarettes, 6d.; lunch (egg-on-toast, 6d.; coffee, 2d.; roll and cheese, 3d.), 11d.; evening newspaper, 1d.; fare home, 5d.; "beer at local," 4d.

Nearly all in pennies, you see. Nothing very extravagant or very wonderful, of course. Less than 3s. a day, in fact.

But 3s. a day from £3 10s. a week, with a wife and children, is a lot of money. That man has every reason to be grateful to the penny. It's his guide, philosopher and friend.

Probably the only one who loves a penny just because it is a penny, who has no idea what its real value is, who cares little what it is, is the child.

To the kiddies it is the key to an ambition—the key to a comic paper, or a "gob-stopper," or a top, or the "pictures" if they can persuade sundry other grown-ups to co-operate.

Master Penny is never happier than when growing more and more sticky in the tiny palm of an innocent who doesn't know what money is—except a penny!

And, when a little older, the pennies go into the school "penny bank," one of the finest thrift movements ever launched in this country.

That leads to savings certificates, £53,000,000 worth of which is sold every year—one a minute. Or to the Post Office Savings Bank, in which the pounds represent the pennies of the people.

Buying — the world

And what more vital mission does the penny perform than the purchase of the daily newspaper, of which millions are sold morning and evening?

The whole happenings of the world, red-hot, from Clapham to China, for a penny!

Here is a giant industry built around the coppers of the people, a service unprecedented in value. A whole year's news for the price of a single cable from Australia!

Master Penny should indeed be proud of his power for good. Perhaps this year the penny post will return and the Master of the Royal Mint may again exclaim, "Phenomenal!"

. . . growing more and more sticky in the palm of an innocent"

From friend to friend; from father to son; from every real smoke lover to another, the good word passes. The fact is that thinking people realise that it is possible to enjoy the best of smokes without paying too great a penalty in the way of price.

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CONFESSION

"Monsignor de St. Cloud . . ." Sir Alan took a few steps forward: "I once knew a priest of that name . . ."

LADY NEISH *Tells a True Story of a Priest's Reminiscence and its Storm-Heralded Climax*

Illustrated by Peterson

NEARLY everyone can recall some queer experience in life that has been marked by some unheard-of or inexplicable coincidence.

So I know that no one will suspect me of straining facts in recounting the following strange story.

Although it involves a most extraordinary coincidence, the setting is commonplace, the complete drama being unfolded at a house party given by my sister Mona, who was shortly to be married for the second time.

We were not a large party; but of course I cannot give you the guests' real names here.

I can promise, though, that the names I shall give them will be the only fictitious part of my tale.

There was the Duchess of Meredale; Lady Ellerton and her son, a subaltern of about twenty-four; Major and Mrs. Grant, and Monsignor Vincent de St. Cloud, who is one of my oldest friends.

We were waiting on the evening of which I am telling for my sister's fiancé, Sir Alan Anstruther, and his sister and her husband.

They were late. Dinner had been arranged for half-past eight; but there was no sign of these three remaining guests at a quarter to nine.

A WAIT of any kind always frays my nerves. Moreover, I did not altogether approve of my sister's choice, and I was rather sorry that Sir Alan was coming.

He was extremely self-asserting, which was rendered doubly disagreeable because he was also very dull.

There was something about him, too, which I could never quite explain, but I always had a horrible feeling that he could turn very nasty if anyone crossed him.

Well, we waited anxiously, and a certain heaviness seemed to be hanging in the atmosphere.

I was out on the terrace; the garden seemed to be waiting too; it was so intensely still.

Dark clouds hung threateningly above and gathered and grew down in the south-west.

A sort of breathless haze enveloped everything. It was almost a relief when the silence was broken by a low, muttering roll of distant thunder.

Presently I strolled back into the drawing-room, where I found my sister Mona talking to Monsignor de St. Cloud. She beckoned to me as I entered and smiled in rather a strange sort of way.

"I have just been telling Monsignor de St. Cloud all about Alan," she explained to me as I sat down beside them. "I wanted to know whether he thought I was doing right in marrying again.

"It seems queer to have any doubts about it; but you know how comforting it is to unburden yourself to an old friend."

"I'm glad you have found it so," put in Monsignor de St. Cloud gently. He was very fond of my sister, and we had both long been in the habit of taking our troubles to him.

"I often wish I had your faith," said Mona, "and sometimes I wish I belonged to it."

"It would be quite easy to belong," he smiled.

"I know—but, somehow—well, I don't know yet." She looked suddenly up at him.

"I sometimes think it must be a great comfort to go to confession, Mon-

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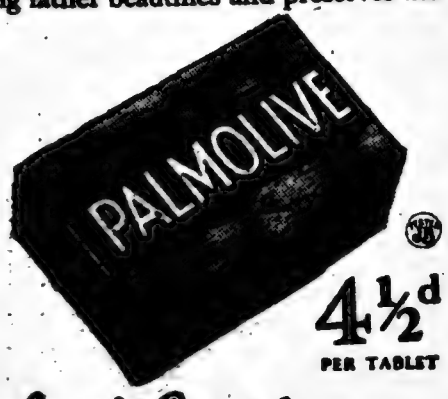

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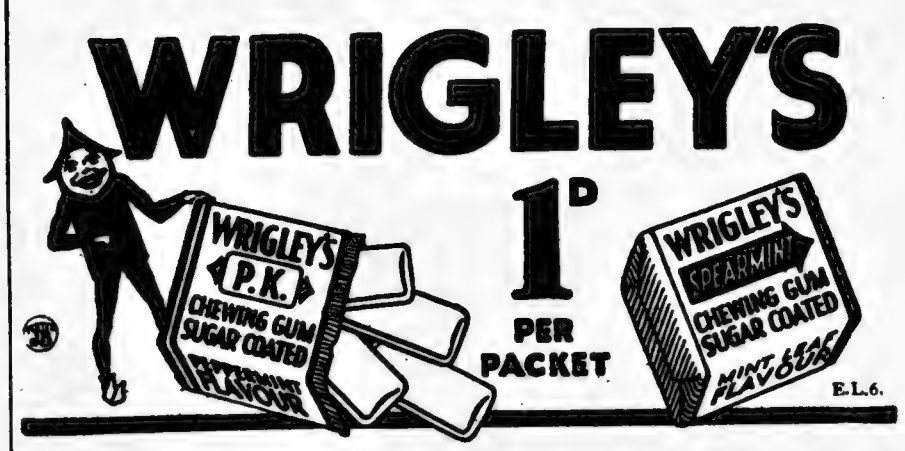

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signor—to get rid of all one's little haunting worries and tiresome little pinpricks. I especially feel that about your faith."

Monsignor de St. Cloud did not reply. Perhaps he realised the wisdom of letting a woman's tongue run on.

"I suppose no priest ever violates a confidence?"

FOR a moment he looked deeply shocked. "My dear child, I hope not," he said gravely; "they are not our confidences, they belong to God—those secrets of the human heart."

"Of course," she said hurriedly. "I know it was idiotic of me to ask. What a comforting thought that is. . . .

"Have you ever had anything awful told you like—well, like murder?" persisted Mona.

Monsignor de St. Cloud looked very kindly down at her. Mona was doubtless not merely curious—he saw that.

"Have you ever had anyone confess a murder to you, Monsignor?" she asked again, quite unaware that priests should not be asked such intimate questions.

I looked at the noble, intellectual face. How would he answer the persistent question?

The old priest stared thoughtfully out at the rapidly darkening garden where now and again thunder rumbled ominously.

For a long time he did not answer. Then he said very slowly:

"Well, yes, I did once, many years ago—over thirty years. It's ancient history now and quite forgotten.

"Besides, I never knew his name. It was out in the Congo. He was a young Englishman, far younger than I was."

He paused and went on reminiscently: "It does not matter now. I have no doubt he is long since dead. It was strange that the first confession I took was one of murder.

"And you absolved the—er—murderer?" asked Mona, leaning forward breathlessly, interested.

"No, my child, God absolved him," answered Monsignor, very gravely.

"Ah! I know, of course—yes, of course—I meant that."

She looked up at the old priest's grave face and realised he was not sure he had been right in divulging anything, even though all he had said had been so vague.

But what could it matter? He did not even know the young man's name. Anyway, Mona deftly changed the subject.

"You know I am marrying into a Catholic family?" she murmured.

Next Week

Clarence Winchester

tells a Real Life Story of his own flying days—

FATE RE-SHUFFLES

"Are you, my dear?" he asked, genuinely amazed.

"Yes, and if I want any help or advice, I shall come to you."

He smiled down at her. "You will get it freely," he replied.

To my surprise, she returned suddenly to the subject of the murderer—the first confession Monsignor had taken.

"Didn't you feel you ought to have given him up to justice?" she pressed, and I thought I detected a strange anxiety in her tone.

The old priest's face grew very still and quiet. "He had already given himself up to God," he said sternly, "and God rewards us all according to our deserts."

At that moment a vivid flash of lightning lit up the old priest's face and thunder crashed suddenly, violently and threateningly over the house.

The storm had burst.

Rain began to fall in torrents on the thirsty, waiting garden; breaking and drowning flowers and grasses—hissing down waterpipes and deluging gay borders of bud and blossom.

Flash after flash, and in the midst of it a long and continuous sound of the electric bell as though someone had put a finger on it and kept it there.

"Here they are at last," called out Mona, and jumped up as the butler threw the door wide open.

"The Duchess of Meredale and Sir Alan Anstruther," he said, his voice muffled by an almost deafening peal of thunder.

MONA went forward to meet them. "Oh! I'm so glad you're here at last, Alan," she said.

"You haven't met Monsignor de St. Cloud, have you? He's a very old friend of mine, he only arrived last night from Florence. Monsignor, may I introduce my fiancé to you?—Sir Alan Anstruther, Monsignor de St. Cloud."

Sir Alan took a few steps forward and held out his hand.

"Monsignor de St. Cloud," he said courteously. "I once knew a priest of that name, a Monsieur Vincent de St. Cloud, many, many years ago, perhaps some relation of yours, Monsignor? It was when I was very young—out in the Congo . . . ."

And then, what made him say it I never knew—perhaps a sudden passionate relief at knowing his secret was safe—perhaps a crazy moment, knowing he could not be exposed.

Anyway, he turned to Mona, to whom he was shortly to be married, and said, with a look that seemed to be full of light bravado:

"The priest I knew was extraordinarily kind to me. He had not long been a priest—and I remember he told me that mine was the first confession he had ever taken!"

WHERE'S BRITAIN'S BALM FOR Our Sisters of Sorrow?

AN unmarried girl tramped with her baby, mile after mile, till she was ready to drop with sickness and fatigue. At nightfall she arrived at the house of the father, where she deposited her pitiful bundle upon the doorstep.

By the side of a neighbouring river, she took the resolution to end her life. At the subsequent inquest the coroner muttered the usual verdict of suicide "whilst of unsound mind."

It is to be feared, however, that the unsoundness of mind which precipitates such tragedies, not upon rare occasions, but with appalling frequency, belongs to the whole nation.

In our attitude to women, many of them mere slips of girls, who have stumbled in the moral path we are unbelievably callous and cruel.

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Although something like 30,000 illegitimate children are born in Great Britain every year, there is none but the scantiest provision for women faced with the ordeal of unmarried motherhood, and too often the coldest of welcomes for their hapless babes.

Worst of all, we pile hypocrisy upon cruelty, pretending that the moral lapses of which these women have been guilty stamp them as shameless wantons, lost to chastity and honour.

The latest figures of the Ministry of Health make it apparent that the death-rate in childbirth amongst unmarried mothers is nearly double that among married women.

For this cruel incidence of mortality various causes are assigned, but the chief of them may be summed up in the one word—neglect.

The whole situation has been so hedged around with shame and disgrace, with moral censure and social taboos, that girls hesitate to disclose their condition until the onset of fatal complications.

Frequently these births take place under conditions of incredible suffering.

There are large and important areas where, owing to the neglect of the local authority, no maternity centres have been provided.

Even where they do exist, the girl with no right to a wedding-ring shrinks from contact with married women, who are too often inclined to make her "feel her position" to a degree she cannot bear.

What is needed is a separate treatment of the problem of illegitimate births, apart entirely from the normal requirements of married mothers.

In every locality there should be adequate hospital accommodation for these special cases, and suitable institutions where the babies can be cared for till homes can be found for them, either with their mothers or elsewhere.

At present, the facilities of this kind available meet less than one-tenth of the existing need.

In France, they have faced up to the problem of illegitimacy in a way which rebukes our British apathy.

Under the auspices of the Government, there is a League for the Protection of Abandoned Mothers, which receives a State grant for the maintenance of maternity-homes and hostels for unwanted children.

At the homes any stranded girl is warmly welcomed, and no officious questions are asked. The names of the inmates can be disclosed or withheld, as their owners prefer, most of them being known simply by a "Christian" name.

Somehow there is an appropriate touch about that.

Mothers and babies are looked after with as much care and attention as if they were in expensive nursing-homes. The advent of each new life is welcomed and blessed.

The mothers are taught how to nurse their babies, and, if necessary, instructed in domestic work, so that they may be qualified to support themselves when the time for departure arrives.

Till accommodation can be found for the babies they can be left behind in the hostels, where they are cosy and safe.

In Germany a similar system has been in force since before the war; in Norway and Sweden for a still longer period.

In this matter, unfortunately, Great Britain, the pioneer of so many noble causes, does not lead the way in humanity and progress.

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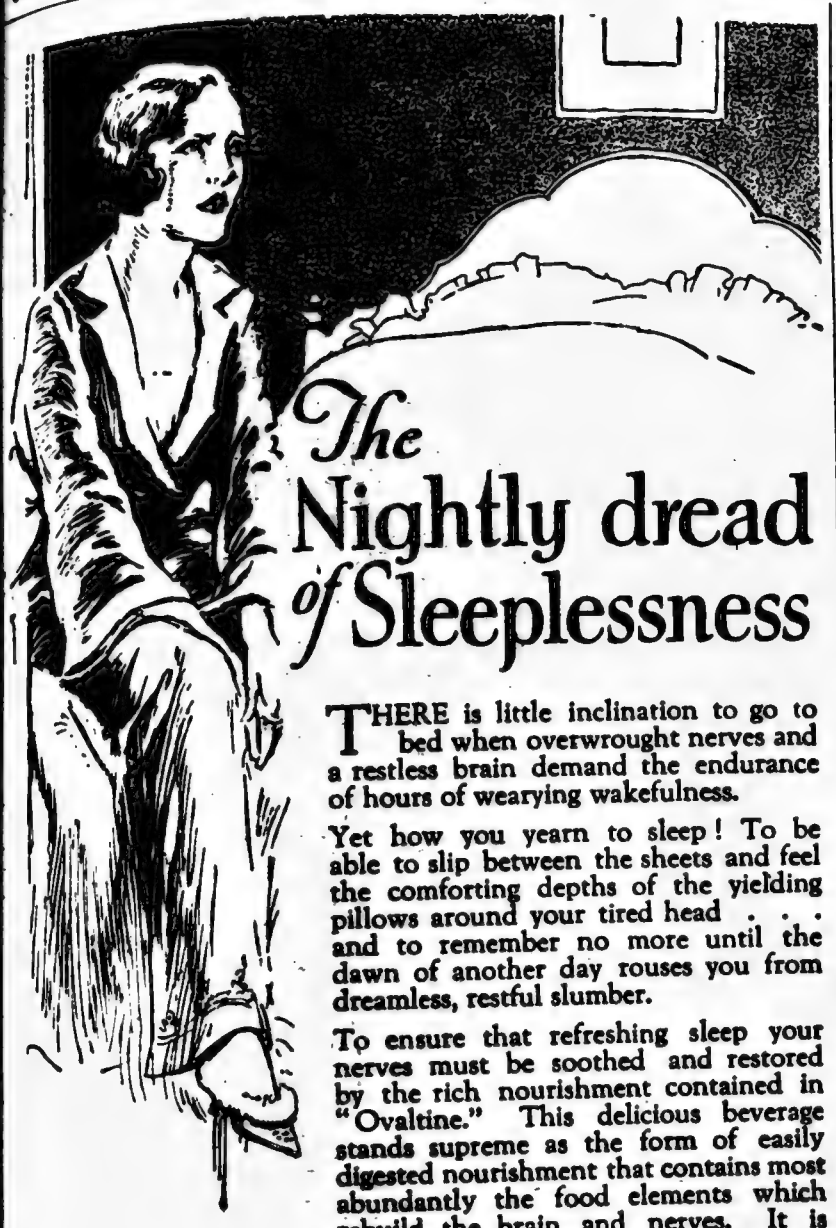
One further point.

In none of the countries where adequate provision has been made for the needs of the unmarried mother and her child has there been any noticeable increase in the illegitimate birth-rate; thus do hard facts refute the moral theorists.

There have been fewer suicides, a smaller toll of maternal mortality, less wholesale massacre of the newly-born.

Some day we shall follow these humane examples. Then the sinews of the nation will be strengthened, and its conscience cleared of a scalding shame.



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LAWYERS who WORK for NOTHING

[From the beginning of this year new and better facilities are provided for the defence of poor people.]

HERE is a human story which happens to be true, as with full knowledge we can affirm.

A young girl, in her first situation with a London drapery firm, was suddenly confronted with a charge of theft.

Passionately, and with a torrent of tears, she denied the accusation, which was as false as it was cruel, but the manager, acting on malicious hearsay evidence, locked her in a private room while he telephoned for the police.

That night she spent in the cells, and the next morning faced a magistrate upon the charge of having stolen her employer's goods.

In the light of day the case for the prosecution broke down completely. The evidence against the girl was a castle of straw. In a few moments she was free.

The firm, however, declined to take her back into its employment, and refused her a "character" which might enable her to obtain a fresh situation.

The outlook seemed black and hopeless, when by some happy chance the girl's parents learned that not far from where they lived there was a poor man's lawyer who could be consulted without cost.

Promptly the man of law advised an action for damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, which would vindicate the girl's honour and make good her prospects in life.

The outcome was a triumph of injured innocence against guilty conspiracy and wrong.

Won it for her

Under what are officially known as the "Poor Persons Rules," forming part of the regular procedure of the Law Courts, the girl was provided free of cost with the services of a solicitor and of a barrister.

An action for damages was begun, and the girl finally compensated with an award of £200.

It seems a pity that these facilities for enabling the poor to obtain justice without payment are not more widely understood by those for whose benefit they exist.

Not in London only, but in most of the larger cities, there are poor men's lawyers who, without charging a penny, are ready to advise poor people upon legal matters.

Under the Poor Persons Rules the whole country is divided into specified areas, each with its Poor Persons Committee of local solicitors prepared to handle, without charge, such complaints as can be dealt with only in the Law Courts.

That the scheme is a perfect one its warmest admirers will not claim.

For example, it does not always help poor people in the county courts, but in these popular tribunals the judge is usually at pains to ascertain the facts for himself, the questions of law arising being more often than not of the simplest kind.

He was a deceiver

In providing free legal aid for the poor, the State has begun with the High Court, where such paramount issues as divorce, libel and slander, gross breach of contract, damages for personal injury, and so forth, are heard and decided.

Last year nearly 5,000 cases of this sort were conducted freely for persons without means, the total of damages recovered exceeding £10,200.

In one action a too-confiding girl had been abominably treated by a well-to-do man, who had repeatedly promised to marry her. His wife she never became; but she was the unmarried mother of his child.

In the ordinary way an action for breach-of-promise of marriage is a costly business, not to be thought of unless there is money to spend.

Happily, this ill-used girl learned that free legal aid was available, and the subsequent award of £750 damages enabled her to start life again with fresh courage and hope.

There is a movement on foot to raise the income-limit under the Poor Persons Rules.

At present any person whose earnings are below £2 weekly may with full confidence apply for assistance, while up to a wage of £4 a week every claim is carefully considered.

The correct procedure is to apply to the nearest public office, town-hall, or police-station for the address of the secretary of the local Poor Persons Committee, who, if requested in writing, will furnish a form of application upon which all necessary particulars can be written down.

As regards poor men's lawyers, who advise in the preliminary stages, they will generally be found working in connection with religious or political organisations often attached to local branches of the Labour Party.

One of the largest of these centres is at Toynbee Hall, the famous social settlement in East London, where at seven o'clock each Wednesday evening an efficient law "clinic" is open to the needy poor.

It is almost like the out-patients' department at a hospital, except that the hurts to be healed are to pockets and reputations instead of to joints and limbs.

A poor widow is threatened with ejection from her home. Actually, she is amply protected by the Rent Restriction Acts, but a harsh landlord, presuming upon her ignorance of the law, is "trying it on."

Informed by the lawyer of her legal rights, the poor woman smiles her thanks. No payment is expected or received.

An injured workman has been approached by an insurance company with the offer of a ridiculous lump sum in full satisfaction of his claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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The poor man's lawyer advised him to refuse it, and the ultimate award of the county court judge amounted to £300.

A debt—of gratitude

These poor men's lawyers, whether in London or the provinces, are not to be confused with the so-called "legal aid societies," which work on a commission basis.

The poor men's lawyers work literally for nothing. Yet thousands of humble citizens owe them much in gratitude.

Nor is it to be assumed that only young and inexperienced lawyers undertake this gratuitous work.

Among solicitors, many of the leading firms accept their fair share, while amongst barristers such eminent King's Counsel as Mr. Norman Birkett, Sir Henry Maddocks, and a number of thriving junior counsel have quite recently rendered voluntary service to clients who had not a guinea to purchase legal aid.

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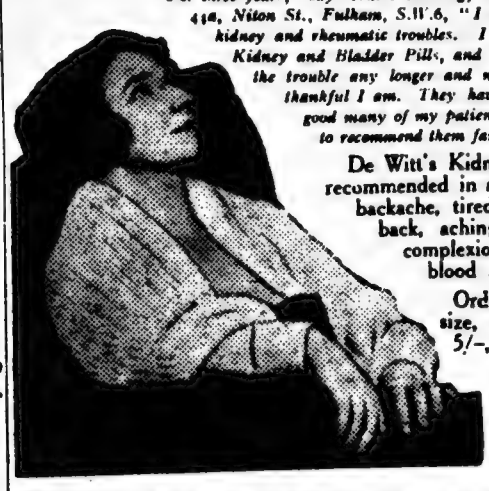

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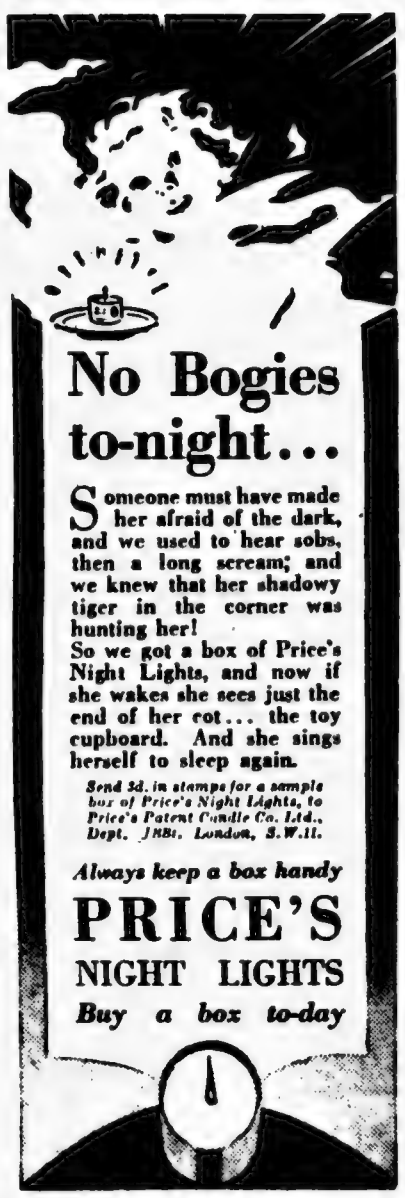

No Bogies to-night...

Someone must have made her afraid of the dark, and we used to hear sobs, then a long scream; and we knew that her shadowy tiger in the corner was hunting her!

So we got a box of Price's Night Lights, and now if she wakes she sees just the end of her cot... the toy cupboard. And she sings herself to sleep again.

Send 3d. in stamps for a sample box of Price's Night Lights, to Price's Patent Candle Co. Ltd., Dept. JBB1, London, S.W.11.

Always keep a box handy

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NIGHT LIGHTS
Buy a box to-day

MOZART WITH THE Milk

A WONDERFUL change is coming over the public taste for music. When you have a leisure moment, listen to the airs that people whistle, or croon, or sing outright in joy.

The gleaming black disc which spins on the turntable of your gramophone and the radio loud-speaker which provides you with melody from noon to midnight are doing something for you which you scarcely realise.

They are marvels of scientific ingenuity. They are the products of two extremely prosperous and comparatively new industries, which have already added many millions of pounds to the national exchequer.

Above all, they bear witness to a revolutionary change in the tastes and habits of everyone.

Glance, for instance, at the history of that gramophone record:

We are standing in the Small Queen's Hall, London, forbidden to cough or even to move. In an alcove a singer faces a microphone.

To his right is a string orchestra of twenty musicians; to the left are the kettledrums.

There is a warning buzz from the room beyond; the fiddlers raise their bows. Then two more sharp buzzes for a final warning; the red light glows to signal that the two wax records are spinning in the unseen recording-room.

The conductor's arm falls: the overture begins; the singer's voice soars above it. In a few minutes the ordeal is over. On those wax discs every note of the music is etched.

ONE of them is immediately played as a test. "Perfect!" say the singer and conductor.

The other disc is sent to the factory, and from it records are made which will be sold throughout the world, and may even be heard by our remote descendants—for a library of important gramophone records has been established in the British Museum.

That is the scientific side. Now watch the equally fascinating industrial process.

We are in a factory near London, a factory which covers over sixty acres, and where eight thousand skilled workers are employed.

The wax record has arrived. It is coated with graphite powder—"lead" pencils are made from this—and dipped in an electric bath.

From this master matrix are produced the working matrices that are used for stamping out the records.

Shellac, costing £200 a ton, is the principal of the six ingredients used. The ingredients are ground to a fine powder, of which 15,000 tons are used each year in this factory alone.

The powder is heated, sent to a mill, and turned into flat biscuits. Then, by means of a pressure of seventy tons, each biscuit is transformed into a record of sound waves within twenty seconds. A good workman can press over a thousand records a day.

This factory was producing some 700 records a week in 1908. The figures are now over 700 times as much—more than half a million a week. The tremendous output of the whole industry can be imagined.

What the Errand-Boy Whistles Now

Miss Elizabeth Schumann sings into the microphone and her voice is preserved in this first piece of "dough" in the gramophone works

By now the change in our tastes will have been made plain: We are fast becoming a nation of music-lovers.

Radio, the experts agree, has been mainly responsible. Over three million wireless licences have already been issued, and this number is still steadily and rapidly increasing.

More than half of the National programmes and over 80 per cent. of the London Regional programmes are devoted to music in one form or another.

"Serious" music from any station totals over 20 per cent.—which is considerably more than the time allotted for dance music.

This policy, the B.B.C. claims, has been amply justified by results.

"The growth in the public's appreciation of fine music," says a high official at Savoy Hill, London, "has been extraordinary.

"Not only has chamber and classical music become really popular with a large and ever-growing audience, but the work of modern composers has begun to be understood and appreciated.

"We receive constant requests, for instance, for the 'Planets,' by Gustav Holst, to be included more frequently in our programmes. Yet this work is by no means easy for the layman to understand at first."

The gramophone companies agree. It is this great wave of interest in music which has raised their instrument from a mere toy to one of the most popular methods of entertainment.

Incidentally, it was Mr. Arthur Brooks, a prominent figure in the British gramophone world, who heard three rather intoxicated Tommies whistling Schubert's "Marche Militaire" during the war, and instantly decided that classical music was going to be the great success of the future.

Within a few years Mr. Brooks' company was issuing abbreviated versions of great works, and soon the complete works were able to be sold.

AND now—what is the favourite music?

The best-sellers of last year were naturally dance-tunes, but it has to be remembered that these have only a temporary appeal, and rarely last more than six months.

"Tip-toe through the Tulips," the great success of the first half of 1930, was followed by "Dancing with Tears in My Eyes." That is now yielding place to "Little White Lies." "Valencia" was easily the most popular record ever made.

But the list of best-sellers shows how creditable our taste has become. It includes even a great example of chamber-music—Schubert's Trio in B—and the evergreen operas of Gilbert and Sullivan and Puccini's "Boheme."

Chaliapin, Clara Butt, Kreisler, Sir Henry Wood and Paul Robeson vie with Layton and Johnstone, Gracie Fields and the Big Four for top place, while over eleven million records of Peter Dawson alone have been sold.

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And so the old Continental sneer at our ignorance of music has become a slander.

The next errand-boy you meet may be whistling "Go Home and Tell your Mother"—but it's almost as likely that he'll treat you to a tuneful snatch from "Rigoletto" instead!

£10,000 RADIO CONTEST

TEN thousand pounds are to be given away to wireless users!

Messrs. Hustler, Simpson and Webb, Ltd., have so much faith in their "DOUBLE TWO" Wireless Sets, already selling like "hot cakes" at the amazingly low price of 50s., that they mean to replace every Crystal Set in the country with a full-volume valve receiver at Crystal Set price.

There must be confidence in the set's quality when a firm backs its faith in what it sells with £10,000.

Messrs. Hustler, Simpson and Webb, Ltd., do this because they know that the "DOUBLE TWO," once in the home, will speak for itself in eloquent tones.

Details of the "DOUBLE TWO" £10,000 Prize Scheme will be found on pages 4 and 5.

They need this Balanced Diet

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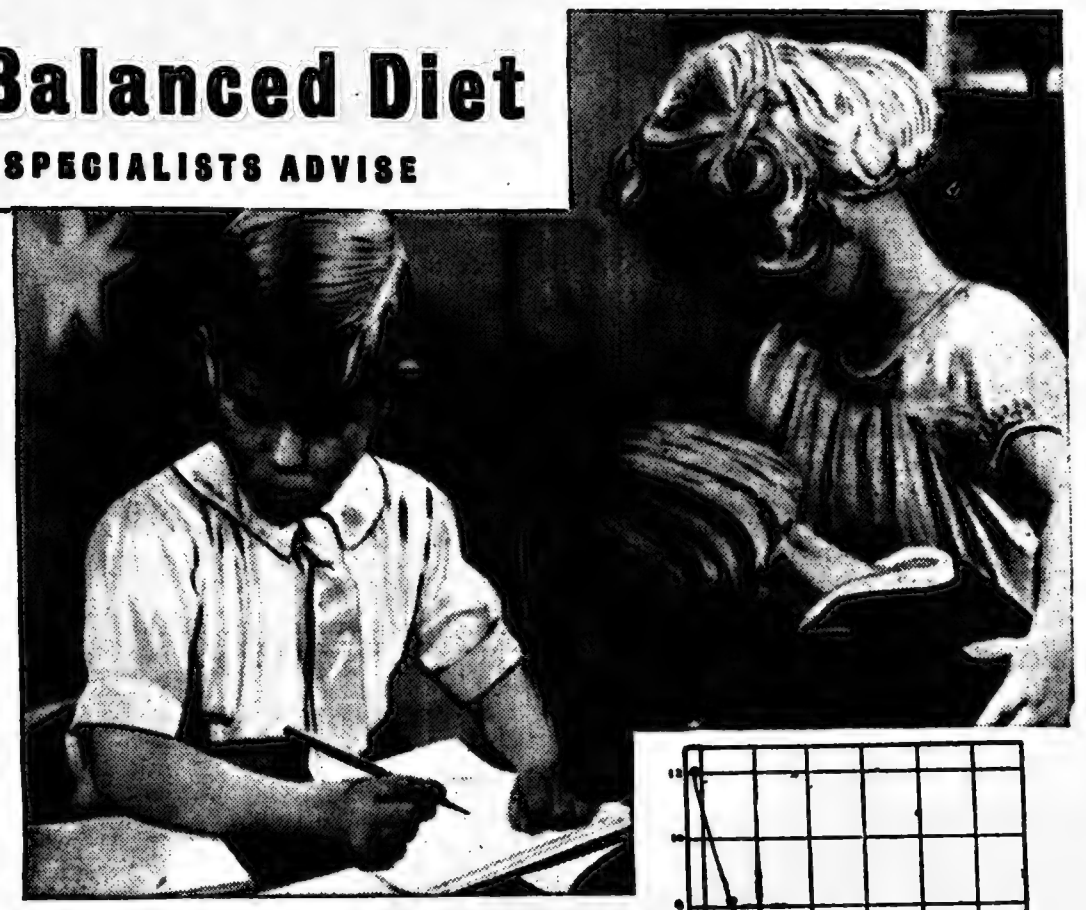

Growing children use up energy twice as fast as adults . . .

CHOOSE any nursery or schoolroom, peep inside . . . children at work or children at play. See how little people throw their energy into *everything* they do!

Even when they are resting, science has shown, healthy, growing children use up energy *two to three times as quickly* as grown-ups.

"A *balanced* diet," specialists insist, "is the surest safeguard against the dangers of overtiredness and underweight." That's why thousands of mothers today give their children Horlick's Malted Milk, and doctors everywhere recommend it.

Made from rich full-cream milk and the nutritive extracts of the choicest malted barley and wheat, Horlick's provides in the right proportions, and *in the most digestible form*, just those energy-giving, body-building elements children need, and which everyday meals so often fail to supply!

Start your little ones on Horlick's today. A cupful at mid-morning — at mealtimes — and again at bed-time. Chemists and grocers have it in sealed glass bottles in four sizes. Ask for a bottle today — and for one of the Horlick's Mixers which makes the task of preparing the Malted Milk a matter of just a few seconds.

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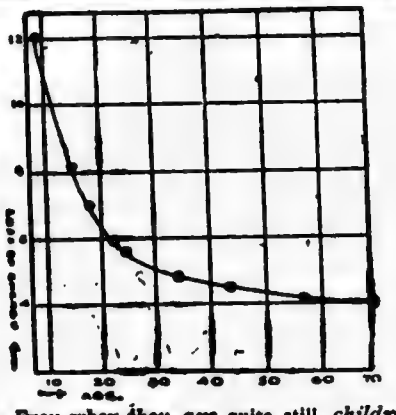

Even when they are quite still, children use up energy at least twice as rapidly as adults. No wonder little systems need a balanced, nourishing diet!

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"My baby had a ringworm on his arm which irritated terribly. After about a week it formed a circle about the size of a six-penny piece. It kept spreading until it became twice the size of a half a crown, practically covering his arm below the elbow. It was of a dry nature and irritated so much that the child tried to scratch it, and was restless at night.

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The Yadil Book of Home Treatment is free to all who send for a copy—it is invaluable to all who would know how to obtain and maintain good health.

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"Terrible Cough . . practically gone . . after *two* applications"

"I have never previously written a letter of this description, but I am sending you this because your Musterole Brand Ointment has so often helped me and I feel you deserve some expression of appreciation.

"A chemist recommended it two years ago when my husband had a bad chest cold with a terrible cough. After two or three applications the cough was practically gone. He said he could feel the Musterole loosening the congestion. Within a few days he was perfectly fit again.

"Since then we have been regular users and only last week I am sure I stopped an almost certain attack of influenza with it. I think it is a splendid preparation."

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That terrible, tearing sort of cough can be loosened at once by the deep-penetrating warmth of this clean, white ointment. Just rub it on the chest. You feel its tingling warmth sinking in. It goes deep down, reaches the congestion, disperses it, gives ease at once, relief after a few applications. Your chemist stocks it. Buy a jar today.

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PUT THEM UP!

THE term "motor bandit" is gradually becoming as familiar to us in Britain as is the term "gangster" to the Americans, although, of course, we have not reached—nor shall we reach—America's amazing degree of lawlessness.

Yet, undoubtedly, the last few years have evidenced a somewhat increased readiness on the part of the criminal to use arms.

There was the Gutteridge murder; and it is not now an absolute rarity to hear of bandits entering a country post-office and presenting a levelled revolver at the postmistress, with the idea of bringing off a "hold-up" in true Yankee film style.

Quite recently a dangerous group of motor bandits acquired a small arsenal of arms in the East End of London, the arsenal including several automatics and a repeating-pistol of the newest type.

The widely reported exploits of Chicago and New York gunmen are likely to have some effect on unbalanced persons already criminally disposed.

In the gun-shop

But, you will ask, where do the guns come from? Is it not extremely difficult for the potential bandit to obtain possession of a revolver?

Yes—and no! If the criminal seeks to obtain arms or ammunition from a dealer, it is indeed a difficult job. There is no country in the world where the purchase is hedged around with so many drastic safeguards and regulations.

To begin with, every dealer in arms and munitions must be registered. This applies also, of course, to manufacturers.

Every gunsmith must keep a book which registers every transaction, and which also shows every detail of his stock.

The restrictions of the Firearms Act of 1920 apply to any arm with a rifled barrel, and also to metallic ammunition.

This applies to blank cartridges, for it is possible to open a blank cartridge and to insert a metal ball.

Unless you have already obtained a police licence, you can purchase neither revolver, automatic pistol, rifle nor ammunition. And it is not too easy to obtain this licence.

First, you must make application, stating just what sort of weapon you desire to possess, and what ammunition.

Then you must also give your reasons for so doing: sport, self-defence, protection of property, or similar grounds.

The police will make sure first that you are a fit and proper person to have a licence. Then they will also ascertain whether the reasons you give for desiring one are justified and adequate.

And you may rest assured that their investigations are really thorough.

And at any time the police authorities may revoke your licence if they think you are not a fit person to possess arms.

Intemperance is one of the reasons why a police chief may decide you must hand in your licence—and your gun. And an excellent reason, too.

Your firearm certificate must specify the make, calibre and number of your rifle or revolver. All such weapons are serially numbered, and thus can easily be identified.

Police must know

The firearms certificate costs 5s. for three years and is renewable. It is only good for the one weapon.

If you decide to sell your old weapon and buy a new one, these variations are entered in your certificate by the police, signed and stamped by them.

On the dealer's side, the restrictions are most severe. Any infraction may cost the dealer his trading licence. Every sale of weapons or ammunition must be notified to the police by the dealer within twenty-four hours.

Race with "Silver Ring"

'Chasers at their Best

THE Grand National weights come to hand a few hours after this issue of JOHN BULL is published, and I wish to see them before coupling two selections with Cat o' Nine Tails and Burgee.

In the meantime, a correspondent asks when is a 'chaser at his best for Aintree?

Shaun Goilin, Tipperary Tim and Sprig, three of the last four winners, were ten-year-olds; but going back a little we have Jack Horner, Double Chance, Music Hall, Shaun Spadah, Poethlyn, Jerry M. and Glenside, all a year younger.

Following the favourites at Windsor this week-end is likely to be a paying game. At the moment I like Lounge Lizard, Ravenglass and The Bird.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, January 22, to Wednesday, January 28.

B P C R Z I J U M Y T A N G Q K
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In place of the letters or figures advertised in the *Sporting Life* and *Daily Herald* read those above or below, as the case may be. Example:

L35W39F3637 would read MAY KING.

Where a double letter occurs in the name of a horse the figure 2 is substituted. Example:

VU2LMR34 would read BOOMLET.

"SILVER RING."

Where BANDITS BUY THEIR GUNS

This sale is then registered by the police, county and central authorities. Thus, a national check is kept on all sales.

The dealer notifies the police of the area from which the purchaser comes. This is ascertainable from his certificate.

Let us say that a Shropshire squire on a trip to London, desires to buy a hundred rounds of cartridges from a West End dealer. He can do so if he has his certificate with him and the certificate is in order.

But the dealer notes the name of the purchaser, the number of the certificate, and the authorities who have issued it; and within twenty-four hours a report of the transaction is on its way to the Shropshire Police.

War souvenirs

Incidentally, even if you have a certificate you are forbidden to give or even lend for the shortest period your gun to any other person—though he may have also a certificate for another weapon.

So the regulations are pretty tight, you see—could hardly be tighter.

Where, then, do the guns come from? Where do the crooks obtain them?

There are thousands of people in the country with firearms who have a right to possess them. In practically all cases these are Service weapons and their possession dates from the mobilisation after the Great War.

Thousands of officers bought their own revolvers and automatics during the war. Sometimes they gave them as "souvenirs" to relatives and friends. Some have been sold, quite innocently, and have changed hands many times since.

Not only officers, however, for many a Tommy brought home a German automatic as a souvenir.

There are certain junk-markets in London where the crook can buy an automatic, if he knows the right man to approach.

Among the junk

Then, again, a trip to Paris—and you can bring back a fine new Colt or Smith and Wesson.

It is not difficult for a tourist on the Continent—or a crook—to bring back an automatic and fifty rounds of ammunition in his pockets. Unless the Customs men suspect an individual they do not search his person.

And in Ireland, it is said, there are many dumps of arms and ammunition—even including machine-guns—hidden since the close of the Civil War. And those who know where these dumps are will sell you a gun and cartridges for a consideration, if you can prove you are "all right."

No—the crook doesn't need to buy arms in the regular market. The supply of revolvers, automatics and ammunition is still ample.

Many a kindly old lady would be willing to sell her son's war weapon to an individual so as not to have the nasty thing in the house. And she would not realise that she would be committing a crime in so doing.

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will fight your cold as you sleep

Put a drop of "Vapex" on your pillow. While you sleep the healing vapour increases in strength. As you breathe, it reaches all the recesses where cold germs colonise. The "stuffiness" is quickly relieved. Your head clears. Congestion is broken up. Infection is stopped before it has time to become dangerous.

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Each morning put a drop of "Vapex" on your handkerchief so that you can breathe the vapour during the day.

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The Governor Tool Outfit enables you to do a hundred and one jobs about the house, to make all kinds of useful articles of furniture and helps you to turn leisure hours into profitable pleasure. When closed, the Cabinet forms a handsome piece of furniture fit to grace any living room. The set includes FREE a specially edited book of instruction in amateur carpentry and home repairs. Any leading tool dealer or ironmonger will be pleased to show you a Governor Tool Cabinet.

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FINE SET OF OVER 50 ALL-BRITISH TOOLS

If you are not a handyman yourself get one for your son. This cabinet contains over 50 British No. 1 quality tools and accessories and forms a complete outfit for fine carpentry and all classes of home repairs. Every tool is fully guaranteed. This guarantee is backed by the name of John Shaw, Wolverhampton, with 135 years' world-wide reputation for the highest quality goods. You can have this fine outfit for only a few shillings down and the balance in easy monthly instalments to suit all pockets. The first step is to fill up and post the coupon for large photographic reproduction and full particulars.

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AND MORE HAMPERS WON in "John Bull's" Cross-word Competition No. 96.

Correct solutions in the above contest were received from the following two competitors, who share the £600 offered. To each of them, subject to the conditions of the Competition, a cheque for £300 will be despatched.

W. A. Barlow, 3, Argyle Road, Sheffield.
Thomas J. Evans, 12, Garden St. Ebbw Vale, Mon.

Solutions containing one error were received from the following ten competitors who share the Second Prize of £50, each receiving £5.

F. A. Bradfield Pound Farm, Middleton-rd., Gorleston, Norfolk; A. Croall, 7 Lancaster-st., Dalton-in-Furness; Miss E. Drinkwater, 16, Pollard-st., Nelson, Lancs; C. Inger, 123, Hill Top, Belsover, Nr. Chesterfield; W. Revell, 47, Craigside Walk, Kirkstall, Leeds; M. A. Rogerson, 73, Bellshill rd., Uddingston, Glasgow; C. Shinfield, 21, Church-st., Langold, Nr. Worksop, Notts; B. Sinclair, 50, Moor-st., Worcester; G. W. Stinchcombe, Station Master, Llywngwril, N. Wales; E. Tucker, Manor Cottages, St. Margarets, Herts.

In addition to the above cash awards, the two winners of £300 and each of the ten winners who share the £50 will receive an extra award of a "John Bull" Hamper.

Another £600 X-Word appears on page 36. Try Your Skill Now!

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Bald Men Grow Hair

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Human Documents

MOTHER-LOVE—*and the* TRAGIC DIVORCÉE

THREE years ago a man engaged on engineering work came to our town. He was a partner in the firm undertaking the job, and this gave him the entrance to the best houses. Before long he was a constant visitor at my home as a guest of my father.

From the first moment of meeting we were mutually attracted; and it was not many months before he made me an offer of marriage.

He confessed that he had been married before, but had divorced his wife owing to her flagrant infidelity. The judge had not only granted his petition, but had given him sole custody of the child, a little boy of two.

We married, and there followed two of the happiest years of my life. When I insisted that the baby boy, who had been taken by one of my husband's sisters, should now come home to us, his relief was pathetic.

Now this child has innocently brought me a completely unforeseen and almost unbelievable trouble.

FOUR months ago my husband's firm secured a contract for a big engineering job abroad, and my husband was given the job of getting the work started.

It was impossible for me to accompany him. Our little boy, now five, was recovering from an illness, and my own baby was expected.

It was, as a matter of fact, born three weeks after he set sail, a bonny, bright-eyed little girl.

But I did not make a very quick recovery, and my husband insisted that I should engage a nurse to look after both children as well as to be a household help to myself.

She came in response to an advertisement, and was well recommended from her last employers. She was pretty and very quiet—in fact, she struck me as having gone through a great deal of trouble.

She was kind to my baby, but her passionate devotion to our little boy was touching.

WHEN I mentioned it she cast down her eyes and said, "I once had a little one of my own, but I lost him."

"You are a widow?" I asked in surprise. She turned pale and said in a low voice, "No, madam, I have been deserted."

I was now feeling vaguely uneasy, and soon after my uneasiness turned into actual panic, for I discovered that my nurse is none other than my husband's divorced wife.

When I told her my husband was on his way home, her extreme agitation told me, without words, what the situation was.

There was also a likeness, quite unmistakable, between this woman and our little boy. When I taxed her with it she burst into tears.

She said she had indeed been deserted—by the man for whom she had left my husband, that he had behaved to her like a brute.

SHE vowed she had no wish to ruin my married life and would keep out of my husband's sight if I would engage temporary help while he was at home, but that she could not and would not be separated for ever from her own little son.

She says that work such as my husband's is bound to take him from home for long periods, and why should she not continue in her rôle of nurse to her own child during his absences?

I am nearly distracted with uncertainty and misery, for I can feel for this poor woman in her despair.

Must I grant her wish or must I be responsible for separating mother and child? Above all, must I tell my husband all about this terrible business?

"HUMANIST" says: Tell your husband all the circumstances, and leave him to deal with the situation and decide what is best in the interests of his son.

He will not want to see the woman again, but when you have discharged her—as no doubt will happen—you should be merciful.

Let her see the child on fixed occasions. You also know what it is to be a mother.

THE NEW WIFE
finds son in the way

A YOUTH of eighteen who has always been fond of home, I can say, with a thankful heart, that so long as mother lived our house was worthy of the name.

But shortly after she died my father married again, and almost at once, for us young folks, the atmosphere changed from heaven to hell.

The new stepmother is young, and whatever she married dad for it was not love, for it is clear that she does not care a bit for him.

He, on the other hand, worships the ground she walks on and thinks nothing in the world too good for her.

It is all to no purpose, for she nags him and rags him from morning until night, and allows him to see very plainly that she hates the sight of us.

HERE you read some tough problems of real life, and the solutions that "HUMANIST" proposes for them. One day you, too, will be up against a difficulty which you cannot face alone. "HUMANIST" will deal with it through the post. Send a stamped, addressed envelope. For the three most poignant documents published the Editor will pay £2 2s., £1 1s., and 10s. 6d.

My little sister is aged twelve and my brother ten, and if either offends her she will pick up a shoe and bang them over the head.

As for myself, she has constantly told me to look out for a girl to marry and get off to a home of my own, which—even if I had the money—I am too young to do.

All this is making dad very unhappy—so much so that I have refrained from telling him of many things that he has not observed.

I don't want to live in a state of misery for years, but if I leave home the younger ones will be entirely at this woman's mercy.

"HUMANIST" says: The presence of a grown-up son may make the task of a young step-mother more difficult, as left to themselves the little children might find their way into her heart.

At any rate, if you go into lodgings your father will find his true responsibility thrust upon him. So make the experiment.

"The Greatest of These—" Fund

The Fatal Ha'penny

HENRY'S family is still prostrate with grief over a tragedy which occurred in November.

The boy's father, an ex-Service man, volunteered to sell poppies for the British Legion on Remembrance Day. He started on the eve of the eleventh selling his poppies to the people coming away from the theatres.

Then he proceeded to Covent Garden, Smithfield, and other early markets. He did well, and returned to his home.

Julius, one of his four children, a little chap aged seven, coaxed daddy for a halfpenny, and ran out to buy sweets.

Soon after a little girl knocked at the door to say that Julius had been knocked down by a van.

When the child reached the hospital the doctor had to break the news that there was no hope.

Henry's mother, who, at the time of the accident, was in a delicate state of health, has never been right since.

We ask our readers to give what they can for the family of father, mother, Henry, aged ten, a little girl of five years and a baby of nineteen months, who are trying to pay their rent of 12s. a week and clothe and feed themselves on the precarious earnings of daddy, who sells chocolates in the streets.

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Not one penny of the money received is spent on the working expenses of the fund, which are borne by JOHN BULL.

EMPLOYER THANKS
—then abuses

FOUR months ago my husband gave up a job where he was earning £2 12s. a week in order to take one at £1 15s. This action was not so crazy in view of the fact that the first job must soon come to an end and the new one was offered as a permanency.

The work was to take over the housekeeping for a bachelor farmer, in consideration of free house accommodation—my part of the bargain. My husband's job was that of stock-keeper and general factotum outside.

My work has proved the hardest. To begin with, a series of indifferent helps had left the whole house in a dreadful condition, so that for weeks I had to work literally like a slave in order to get things clean and straight.

While all this was going on our new employer was very nice. He gave me money and added potatoes and wood for fires and other things to help.

THE moment the house was shipshape he dropped all interest in it and began to be most exacting.

He expects me to use my own fuel and light to do his cooking and housework, and becomes terribly abusive when all is not to his liking.

Now he has added his washing to what he expects to be done without extra pay, and it is clear to me that he thinks we are in his clutches and so betrays himself for the ignorant, abusive old sponger he is.

I am at my wits' end to know whether to tell my husband all that goes on or not, for I dread lest he should lose his work and both of us be entirely unemployed.

"HUMANIST" says: Confide in your husband. If your employer's abuse is not justified, look out for another job.

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DRINK HOT WATER TO KEEP FIT.

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FIVE MINUTES with a GREAT MAN

—WHAT I'D TELL HIM

YOUR Majesty is the emblem of peace, honour and justice. By your ready sympathy to all in tribulation you have endeared yourself to the hearts of everyone.

The manner in which you have shouldered your own sorrows and cares makes our hearts glow with pride at your shining example.

Your sincerity, your loyalty and your courage have captured for all time the homage and allegiance of your faithful people.—*T. Bucknall, Chesterfield.*

—And His Son

I would tell the Prince of Wales to continue his good work of eating supper with slum boys at their clubs, dancing with working girls, and visiting miners in their homes.

I would beg him to utilise every opportunity in his public speeches to bring home to his listeners the urgent need to solve the unemployment problem.

By his smile, his charm of manner and his sympathetic understanding of working people he is doing more to break down class distinction than any man I know.—*George Barnard, Ealing.*

What About It, Philip?

As Chancellor of the Exchequer in our little home, the man I'd like to converse with is Mr. Snowden.

I'd plead with him for a taxation of land-values to lower rents of houses.

Working people could then have homes which are hygienic and comfortable, at rents which do not entail stinting in proper food and clothing.

Mothers would have time to devote to the training of their children and leisure to educate themselves, and enjoy the simple things which mean the difference between living and mere existence.—*Jack's Mother, Glasgow.*

Now, Edgar!

Mr. Edgar Wallace, you know I have the utmost admiration for you. I gaze in awe at your colossal output.

Having achieved so much, why not a little more? Why not write another "Hunchback" or "David Copperfield," and erect with your genius a monument that will live through the ages?

We would all welcome a change in the "atmosphere" of your stories, and, frankly, your ability demands that you should occupy a higher position among the aristocracy of writers.—*F. B. Holloway, Shortheath.*

Too Little Chaplin

You, Charles Chaplin, are the world's greatest mirth-maker, the man who makes the world and his wife laugh.

You ease the load of the over-burdened, and make the saddened and unfortunate forget themselves and their troubles, for a time at least.

But there is too long an interval between your films. Treble your output and so help your fellow-mortals.—*K. M., Inverness.*

A New Coal Face

I would ask Mr. Evan Williams to tell the coalowners know that:

The collier is a human being, endowed with mind and body and a conscience.

He has a hard-working mate, who loves him and gladly suffers with him as her only help in his cause.

He has youngsters whom he dearly loves and for whom he would, were he allowed to, work hard and conscientiously to give them food and clothes.

He has imagination and aspirations for his kiddies, just as other folk, and would, if he could, work hard to give them a good education the better to start them in the fight and to put their feet on an ascending ladder.—*Griffiths, Carm.*

Live Wire

Marconi! what could I tell him in five minutes?

Of the gratitude of a million listeners of the thanks of a thousand people to whom wireless has brought news when news might never reach them, of those to whom warnings and SOS messages have come; of the sick and pain-ridden to whom it has brought temporary forgetfulness; of the homes to which it has brought an added companionship between husband and wife, parents, and children.

What a debt to owe to one man!—*P. Baron, London, W.*

A Rebel

Dr. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, you are a tragic example of a square peg in a round hole.

Blessed with an intellect high above the average, for some extraordinary reason you took the most unscientific step in your scientific career when you entered the Church.

Now expected to be a "shepherd of souls," you must find it irksome to meet the problems of a doctor of divinity with the qualifications of a doctor of science.

No wonder some of your brethren regard you as an ecclesiastical rebel.—*R. R., Cambridge.*

PEEPS into the CUP

Forecasts for Jan. 24

ENGLISH CUP—ROUND 4.

**(1) BURY v. Exeter.
**(2) BIRMINGHAM v. Port Vale.
(3) C. Palace or Reading v. EVERTON.
(4) Middlesbro' or Bradford C. v. Wolverhampton.
(5) LEEDS v. Newcastle.
(6) GRIMSBY v. Stoke or Manchester U.
(7) Chelsea v. Arsenal.
(8) Southport v. BLACKPOOL.
**(9) BLACKBURN v. Bristol R.
(10) Bradford v. Burnley.
(11) Bolton v. SUNDERLAND.
(12) SHEFFIELD U. v. Notts.
(13) W. B. Albion or Charlton v. Hotspur.
(14) Watford v. BRIGHTON.
(15) Brentford v. PORTSMOUTH.
(16) Barnsley v. WEDNESDAY.

FIRST DIVISION.

(1) Liverpool v. ASTON VILLA.
(2) Middlesbrough v. Huddersfield (?).

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) FOREST v. Millwall.
*(2) SWANSEA v. Plymouth.
(3) Southampton v. Reading (?).
(4) Bradford C. v. Cardiff (?).
(5) Charlton v. Bristol C. (?).

THIRD DIVISION (Southern).

(1) COVENTRY v. Norwich.
**(2) FULHAM v. Thames.
(3) SWINDON v. Orient.
(4) WALSALL v. Q. P. Rangers.
(5) NEWPORT v. C. Palace.

THIRD DIVISION (Northern).

(1) Crewe v. WREXHAM.
(2) ACCRINGTON v. Carlisle.
(3) Barrow v. Rotherham.
(4) CHESTERFIELD v. Hull.
(5) Doncaster v. LINCOLN.
*(6) GATESHEAD v. Hartlepools.
(7) Halifax v. Darlington.
**(8) N. BRIGHTON v. Nelson.
(9) Rochdale v. TRANMERE.
(10) STOCKPORT v. Wigan.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(1) Clyde v. AIRDRIE.
(2) Aberdeen v. Celtic.
(3) Falkirk v. COWDENBEATH.
(4) East Fife v. PARTICK.
(5) HAMILTON v. Dundee.
(6) HIBERNIANS v. Ayr.
(7) Kilmarnock v. MOTHERWELL.
(8) MORTON v. Hearts.
(9) Q. PARK v. Leith.
**(10) RANGERS v. St. Mirren.

[Owing to the extended number of replayed Cup-ties, it is impossible to give an accurate list of fixtures at the time of going to press. Readers may watch results and correct list accordingly.]

WINNERS IN CODE

As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL special selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning.

Division and number will be quoted as above, together with *H* for home team and *A* for away team.

Example Code.—English Cup.—1 (*H*), 2 (*H*), 9 (*H*); Div. II.—2 (*H*); Southern Section—2 (*H*); Scottish League—10 (*H*) would indicate Bury, Birmingham, Blackburn, Swansea, Fulham and Rangers.

This Week's Star

Howard Baker, Corinthian goalie

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Viscount Cecil

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Enrich Maria Remarque

I would like to convey my true appreciation of his books, "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "The Road Back." With them has come realisation of the mockery of "victory" bought with blood.—*M. Brand, London, S.W.*

Rt. Hon. P. Snowden

I would tell the Chancellor that we want work far more than Grand Opera.—*Mary Anderson, N.B.*

Chancellor R. J. Campbell

His "Homely Wisdom" articles in JOHN BULL are the means of helping many when troubles and misfortunes come along.—*E. Barker, Ipswich.*

Sir Herbert Samuel

I would tell this prominent Liberal what a boon it would be if everybody, especially politicians, possessed his fair-mindedness in all questions that arose.—*W. T., Lancs.*

Mr. Lees Smith, the P.M.G.

I would remind him that he is missing a capital opportunity to popularise the telephone and create useful employment by reducing the rental to a reasonable amount and completely abolishing the deposit system.—*Royal, Liverpool.*

Sir William Morris

His faith in British workmanship is an inspiration.

I hope his production of a cheap and efficient British motor-car will meet with a patriotic support that will enable him to employ more workers.—*A. G. Williams, Bognor Regis.*

Mr. Winston Churchill

I'd ask him to subordinate his undoubted genius solely to our country's good.—*Joseph Miller, Sheffield.*

Lord Baden-Powell

My thanks would go to him for his life's work in creating an organisation to make better and loyal citizens, and faster world peace.

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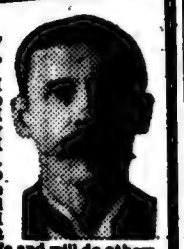

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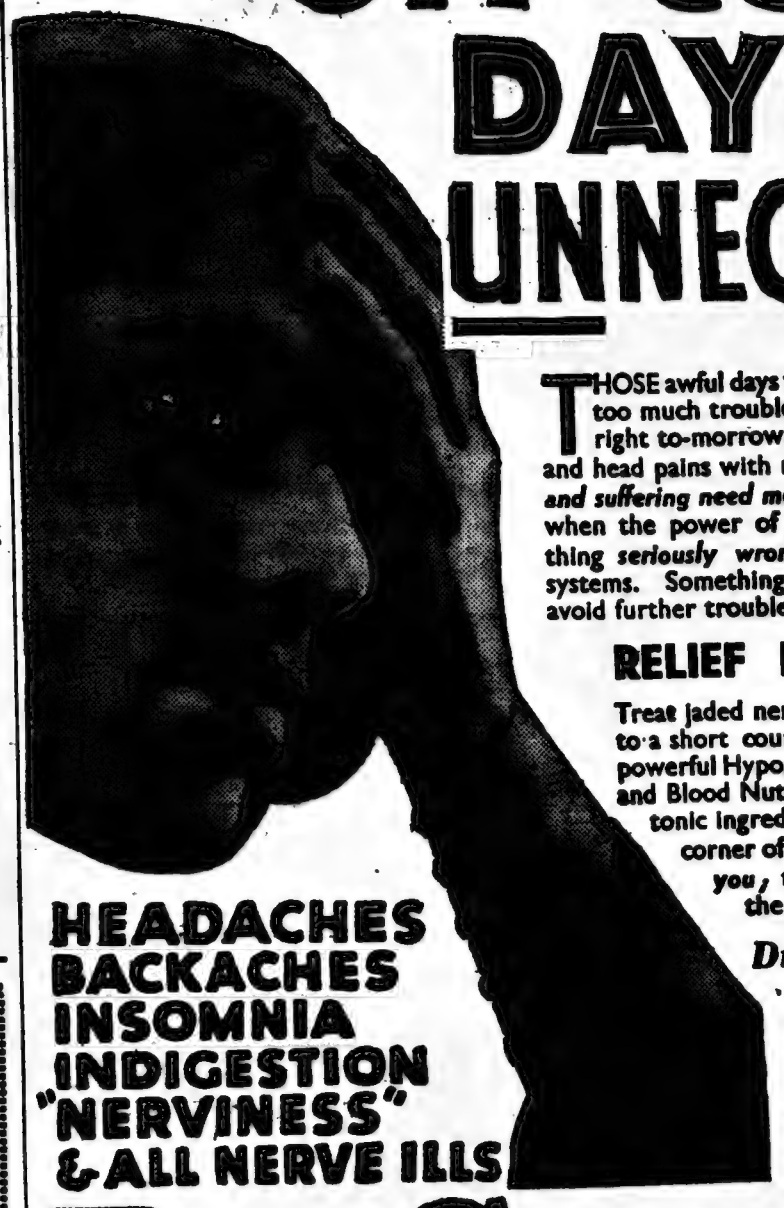

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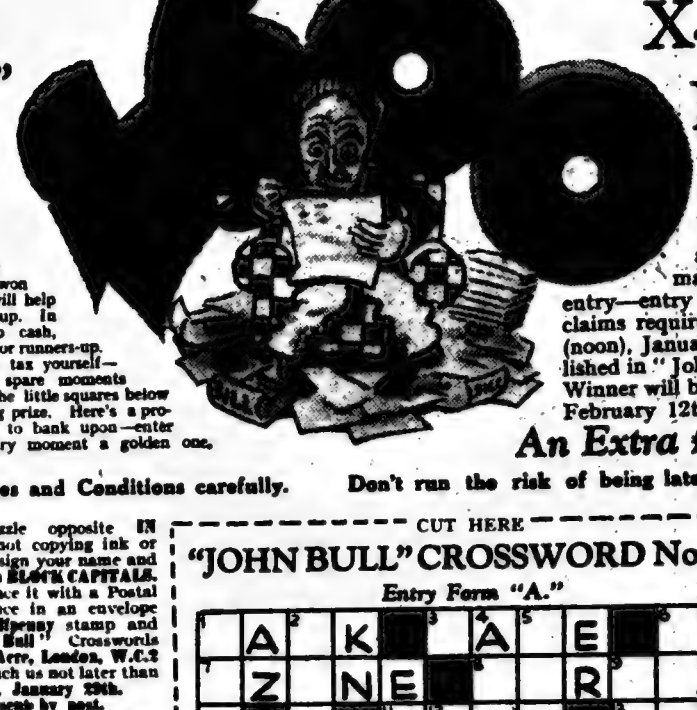

HERE'S a big must-be-won prize that will help you to "square" up. In addition to the £600 cash, there is £50 offered for runners-up. There is no need to tax yourself—just a few of your spare moments spent leisurely on the little squares below may win you the big prize. Here's a profitable little contest to bank upon—enter now and make every moment a golden one.

"JOHN BULL" will pay £600 for a correct solution on one form of "John Bull's" Crossword No. 99 appearing below. Failing a correct solution the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. An additional £50 will be divided between those competitors whose solutions contain one error only, or only one error more than the winning solution. Every reader has an equal opportunity — no competitor may send in more than one Sixpenny double entry—entry fee Sixpence for TWO attempts. No claims required. No entries accepted after Thursday (noon), January 29th. Solution of puzzle will be published in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, February 5th. Winner will be given in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, February 12th, 1931.

An Extra £50 for Runners-up

Read these Rules and Conditions carefully. **Don't run the risk of being late—fill in and post your coupons early**

1. Fill in puzzle opposite **IN ORDINARY INK**, not copying ink or copying-ink pencil, sign your name and write your address in **BLOCK CAPITALS**. Cut out coupon, place it with a Postal Order value sixpence in an envelope bearing a **three-halfpenny** stamp and post to "**John Bull**" Crosswords (**No. 99**), **51, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**, so as to reach us not later than noon on Thursday, **January 29th.** **Entry MUST be sent by post.**

2. Postal Orders must be made payable to Odhams Press Ltd., and crossed —/& Co./— and the date of sending the order, complete with the name and address of competitor, must be written on the back. The number of the Postal Order must be written in the space provided in the Entry Form. Stamps cannot in any circumstances be accepted.

3. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for any coupon lost delayed, not delivered, or mislaid. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4. In the event of a tie the £600 prize will be divided between those competitors whose coupons are correct or contain fewest errors, but no competitor shall receive more than one share. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which incorrectly answer the clues given.

5. Mutilated or altered Entry Forms will be disqualified. Solutions must be complete and filled in on Entry Forms provided.

6. **No competitor may send in more than the two solutions "A" and "B" provided for on the Entry Forms.**

7. The correct solution of the puzzle is known only to the Editor and will be kept under seal until all entries have been received.

8. The result of this competition will be published in the issue of "John Bull" on sale **Thursday, February 12th.** Any competitor who claims to have sent in a solution which is identical with the published solution or contains as few errors as the competitor announced as the £600 prize-winner may have a scrutiny by demanding the same by or before first post **Tuesday, February 17th**, after which date the prize-money will be despatched and no claim will be considered.

9. If such demand is found to be correct the result will be amended accordingly, and any competitor demanding a scrutiny must accept as final the result of such scrutiny as certified by the Editor.

10. Every request for a scrutiny must be made by Registered Letter only, and must be accompanied by a remittance of £5, which will be returned to the competitor if his claim proves valid.

Request for scrutiny must be addressed to:—**The Competition Editor, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.** Envelopes should be marked "Scrutiny" in top left-hand corner. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of Entry Forms and number of Postal Order. No claims for scrutiny can be entertained in connection with the additional award of £50 cash, the winners of which will be finally decided according to the result of our careful searches of all entries.

11. Entries for this Competition must not be enclosed with "Bullets" entries or other correspondence addressed to "John Bull."

12. The Editor's decision is final and legally binding in all matters relating to this competition, and acceptance of this condition is an express condition of entry.

13. Employees of Odhams Press, Ltd., and members of their families are not allowed to compete.

14. Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

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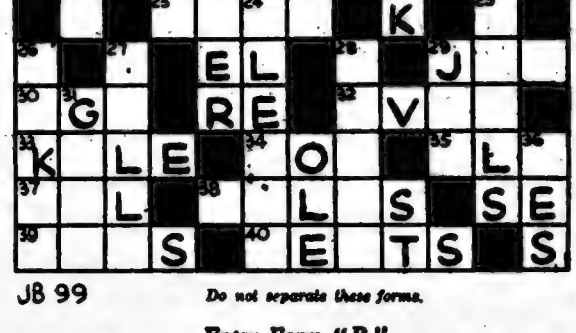
"JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD No. 99

Entry Form "A."



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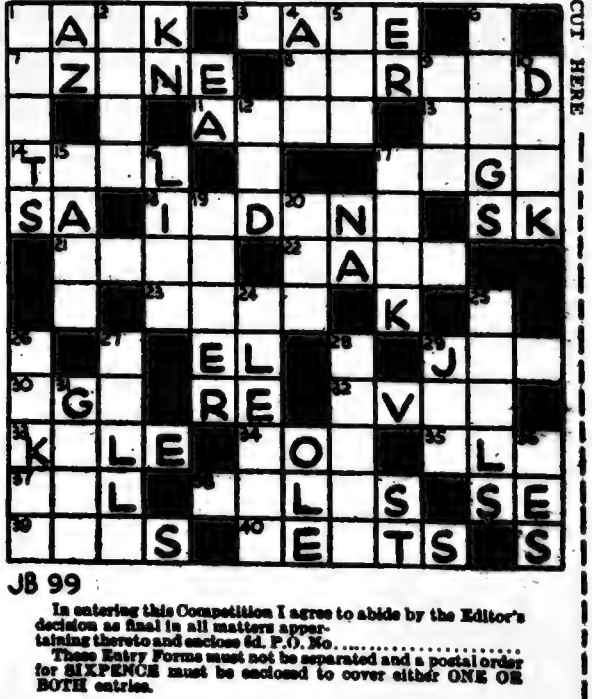
Entry Form "B."



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In entering this Competition I agree to abide by the Editor's decision as final in all matters appertaining thereto and enclose 6d. P.O. No.....

These Entry Forms must not be separated and a postal order for SIXPENCE must be enclosed to cover either ONE OR BOTH entries.

SIGNED.....

ADDRESS .....

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Closing Date, Thursday (noon), January 29th.

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N.B.—Cut out the above Form complete.

Clues Across.

1. OPPOSITE TO FRONT.
3. SEE HOW IT TWISTS AND TURNS.
7. SOMETHING IN THE SEASIDE AIR.
8. DESCRIBES ZONE OF INTENSE HEAT.
11. ASSIST IN COMMITTING A CRIME.
13. SINGLE ITEM.
14. RELATE.
17. THESE FIX CLOTHES TO LINE.
18. IS APPLIED TO WOUNDS.
21. FOUND IN TIDAL RIVER.
22. HORSES OFTEN DO THIS.
23. "HUSH —— MY BABY!"
29. TOO MUCH OF THIS SICKENS.
30. SIGNIFIES TIME PAST.
32. EGG-SHAPED.
33. A VEGETABLE.
34. SOLEMN PROMISE.
35. CABBIES DO FOR HIRE.
37. TAKEN, WHEN INCH IS GIVEN.
38. SOMETIMES STARTLE US.
39. THERE ARE SEVEN IN A WEEK.
40. BIRDS' HOMES.

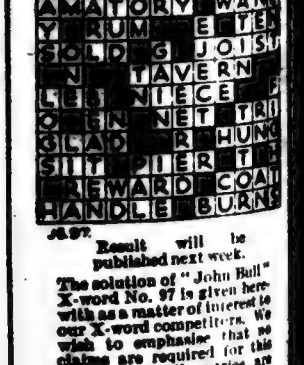
Clues Down.

1. SEEN IN SHIPBUILDER'S YARD.
2. YOU GET THIS WHEN FIRE DIES DOWN.
4. CONSUMED.
5. NEGATIVE.
6. BULLET DOES THIS WHEN WHIZZING BY.
9. FISH SPAWN.
10. PART OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT.
12. NODDING'S THE SIGNAL FOR.
15. RAJAHS LIVE IN THIS.
16. CHERRY MELODY.
17. QUARTER OF A BUSHEL.
19. SECOND OF TWO.
20. WRATH.
24. ONE OVER TEN.
25. INQUISITIVE NEIGHBOUR OFTEN DOES.
26. SUN-BATHERS ENJOY BEING THIS.
27. DESCRIBES PARTY GAME.
28. SEEN IN THE HEN-RUN.
29. NATIVE OF JAPAN.
31. FESTIVAL.
36. AFFIRMATIVE.

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (latest edition) were used in compiling this puzzle.

Winners in X-Word No. 96 appear on Page 31.

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 97



JB 97

Result will be published next week.

The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 97 is given herewith as a matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word, as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

A special prize of £5 will be awarded to the Newsagent from whom the £600 winner usually purchases his copy of "John Bull." Should the £600 be shared the £5 will be divided between sharers' Newsagents.

WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED THIS X-WORD, TRY YOUR SKILL IN THE "DAILY HERALD" X-WORD NEXT SATURDAY—£600 MUST BE WON

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Write to "JOHN BULL" About It!

K. (Ely).—"A man's work is never done." Except when it's overdone.

The EDITOR Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service, who will deal with any matter causing anxiety to our readers. Simply send a stamped, addressed envelope with your query.

P. M. (Edgware).—"I sent you a letter. Will you answer it with one?" Y?

G. S. (Fulham).—"I am afraid of nothing." Single, we bet.

D. O. (Islington).—"Why are spats so generally looked down upon?" Because they are worn on the feet.

SCIENTIST (Lowestoft).—"Man is an inventive animal." But his wife is often an unbelieving one.

K. T. (Devon).—"I hope to make a fortune with my pen." So you keep mum?

M. S. (Oxon).—"My speed-boat turned turtle." Did you find yourself in the soup?

O. H. (Ancoats).—"He's terribly in debt and dreads being found out." Keen in?

TRAVELLER (Dover).—"Hot water prevents sea-sickness." So does smooth cold water.

C. T. (Thurrock).—"Capital punishment should be abolished." Are you contemplating murder?

N. L. (Burnt Oak).—"Our landlord threw his coat on a nail on the stairs." Before he got the rent.

T. G. (Truro).—"There is always something to be said on politics." And, unfortunately, people will say it.

D. Y. (Kensington).—"Some people complain that many West-End plays start too early." Others complain that they start.

L. Y. (Norfolk).—"My maids seem to spend all their time reading novels," Mistresses seem to spend all theirs reading time-tables!

A. K. (Blackburn).—"If a man behaved after marriage as he did before, there wouldn't be so many divorces." Or more bankruptcies.

BUSINESS MAN (E.C.3).—"If trade is to prosper, cheaper letters are essential." The Postmaster-General must be driven from pillar to penny post.

F. R. (Elstree).—"Old kinema films are often sold as junk." We think that some of them must have started like it.

M. V. (Buxton).—"I gave my girl a lovely pair of gloves, but she never wears them." Perhaps she prefers to show the ring you gave her.

C. M. (Margate).—"Trade depression in this country may cause a postponement in the release of some new American films." There's a bright side to everything.

M. B. (Tamworth).—"What is an asterisk?" A little star in a railway time-table which indicates that the train you want to travel by on Thursdays runs on Saturday only.

C. S. (Ealing).—"A foremost referee recently declared that boxers are expected to go into the ring and fight." Some people seem to think that boxers should earn their money.

R. M. (King's Cross).—"Lying is not one of my failings." Are you good at it?

FIREMAN (Marylebone).—"My wife often flares up at me." Is she easily put out?

S. T. (Plymouth).—"This is the age of the sporting girl." But who knows what her age is?

R. P. (Ingatestone).—"Policemen should not be laughed at." We agree, it's unsafe.

W. S. (Romford).—"What is the secret of a poet's success?" Getting someone to buy his stuff.

B. F. (Gt. Yarmouth).—"When I had brain fever . . ." So you did have brains once?

S. H. (Baddow).—"In 1931 we should progress far." As far as December 31, to be precise.

W. P. (Vange).—"Give me the beer of our grandfathers." Are you sure they didn't drink it?

S. M. (Crewe).—"Can you guess the circumstances which made her refuse to marry me?" Your own?

Miss K. C. S. (Mitcham).—"What a day it will be when I get married." A hey-day or a pay-day?

G. W. (Selborne).—"There is a lot to be said for the old village green." Not nearly so much as has already been said on it.

D. J. (Stepney).—"When a man's down what is there for him to look forward to?" He expects his breakfast ready, anyhow!

GUARD (Coventry).—"Railway passengers are often impatient and easily provoked." Well, they can always cool their heels in front of the waiting-room fire.

FATHER (Palgrave).—"My boy is always promising to do better." A born politician!

D. L. (Inverness). — "I've broken one New Year resolution already." Then we can take it that you only made one.

AGNES (Clacton).—"Thrice has he asked me to marry him." Make sure of him when he asks you the fourth time.

W. J. (Glasgow).—"Do you imagine I travelled all the way to London for nothing?" No, the railway company would see to that.

V. R. (Canning Town).—"I am contemplating matrimony. What do you advise?" Keep contemplating.

P. L. (Hendon).—"I'm on my feet again." Did the instalment man come for the car?

P. B. (Easington).—"I told him one of my funny stories and he laughed heartily." Does he owe you any money?

G. T. (Goole).—"Would you prefer me to write in black ink?" Yes, and on black paper.

JUST MARRIED (Upney).—"Why should a husband go straight home?" To save trouble when he gets there.

MRS. J. (Herne Bay).—"What can bachelors know of marriage?" Well, they are bachelors.

D. J. (Dublin).—"Children should be seen and not heard." Some actors and actresses seem to think this applies to them as well.

D. K. (Totnes).—"Big hands are said to indicate tact in a person's character." A golf caddie with big hands can generally manage to hide his broadest smile.

L. M. (Acton).—"Last year in America 3,000 new laws were passed." This figure provided a generous allowance for breakages.

H. P. (Bude).—"I was very glad to see my rich uncle about again." And we can guess what you wanted to see him about again.

B. P. (Grendon).—"I made a resolution to write you more letters." And we made one not to read so many of them.

G. S. (Douglas, I.O.M.).—"A Dublin woman recently delivered a lecture which lasted for four hours." Her husband won't drop cigarette ash on the carpet again in a hurry.

J. M. S. (Wimbledon). — "There's something about a circus which always gets the money out of my pocket." Have you seen what the sea lions are doing on page 39? One of the things they're balancing would help your balance.

G. K. (Totnes).—"By new methods of transmission it is claimed that telegrams will be speedier." It is also hoped to find telegraph boys who will not linger at dog fights and road-mending operations.

SIDE-Slips

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. In the event of the same "Slip" being sent by more than one reader, the award is paid to sender of the first letter opened. Mark envelopes "Slips."

EVENING CITIZEN (Glasgow) : — "'Handkerchief drill' is another recommendation in the section dealing with NAVAL catarrh, etc."

EVENING TIMES :—"He served in the Army during the war and on being DEMOLISHED . . ."

BIRKENHEAD NEWS :—"As a result of 'PUPPY DAY' in Bromborough."

SOUTH WALES ARGUS :—"Plain and currant CAKE."

SCHOOLGIRLS' OWN LIBRARY :—"Angela opened her VIOLENT eyes."

EVENING EXPRESS (Aberdeen) : — "Within the RECENT next few weeks."

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH AND ARGUS :—"Dr. ——, of the British Home for INSURABLES."

HERALD AND EXPRESS (Torquay) :—"For Sale, thorough-bred Pedigree COCKEREL Spaniel."

SHEFFIELD MAIL :—"Football crowds are the chief customers of tramways and 'bus services on a SUNDAY afternoon."

FREE PRESS (Notts) :—"Better build schoolrooms for 'the boy' than cells and GIBLETS for 'the man.'"

SKIPPER :—"'Bah!' growled the prisoner, heaving his SOLDIERS contemptuously."

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND HERALD :—"The hall has HEATING accommodation for 300 people."

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Reader's Signature.

Age .....

Address .....

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Name and address of Newsagent .....

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..... Date .....

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INDUSTRIAL HARMONY	AMIDST APPLAUSE	IF NEEDED
MOST INCONSIDERATE	DISHONESTY	HER JOY OF LIFE
MAN I'M SORRY FOR	FALLING INTO DECAY	FUTURE CITIZEN
BLISS	COMMON	BEGGARS
THINGS WILL HUM WHEN	THE ECHO	WHY HE'S GRUMPY
AHEAD OF TIME	DIDN'T COME OFF	NOTHING IN IT
HARD TO FORGET	WEARING THIN	DISTURBING
LIKE A SHIP IN A STORM	IT APPEARS	BATTLE OF WITS
GREAT ADVENTURE	WHEN WORK STOPS	HINT FOR FATHER
LOST IN ADMIRATION	A LIFE-BELT	

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Bullet

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Bullet

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Bullet

Example _____
Bullet

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Example _____ Closing SAT. Jan. 31
Bullet

Example _____
Bullet

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Bullet

Example _____
Bullet

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If the PAIN IS HERE

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GASES IN STOMACH with eructations.
Sharp Neuralgic HEADACHES.
ACID in Stomach with HEARTBURN.
TONGUE coated white all over.
COMPLEXION blotchy, with redness of nose.
EATING disliked, Some Nausea.
PAINS darting through Chest. Burning Spot behind left Shoulder blade.

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Dull Heavy HEADACHES.
ACIDITY causing Gout and Rheumatism.
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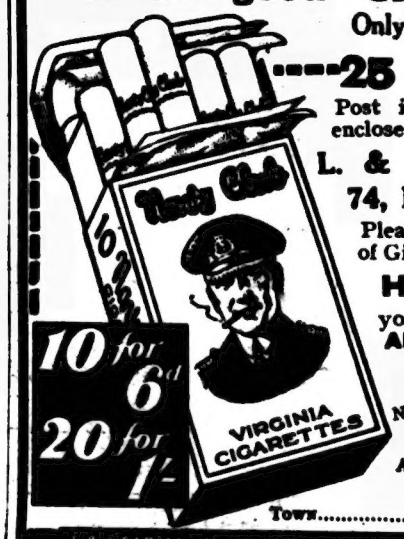

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